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CHICAGO (AP) — Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday she will focus much of her attention on issues promoting early childhood development, women and children and economic issues as part of the foundation created by her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

The potential 2016 White House contender offered her most extensive description of her post-Obama administration agenda since leaving her role as



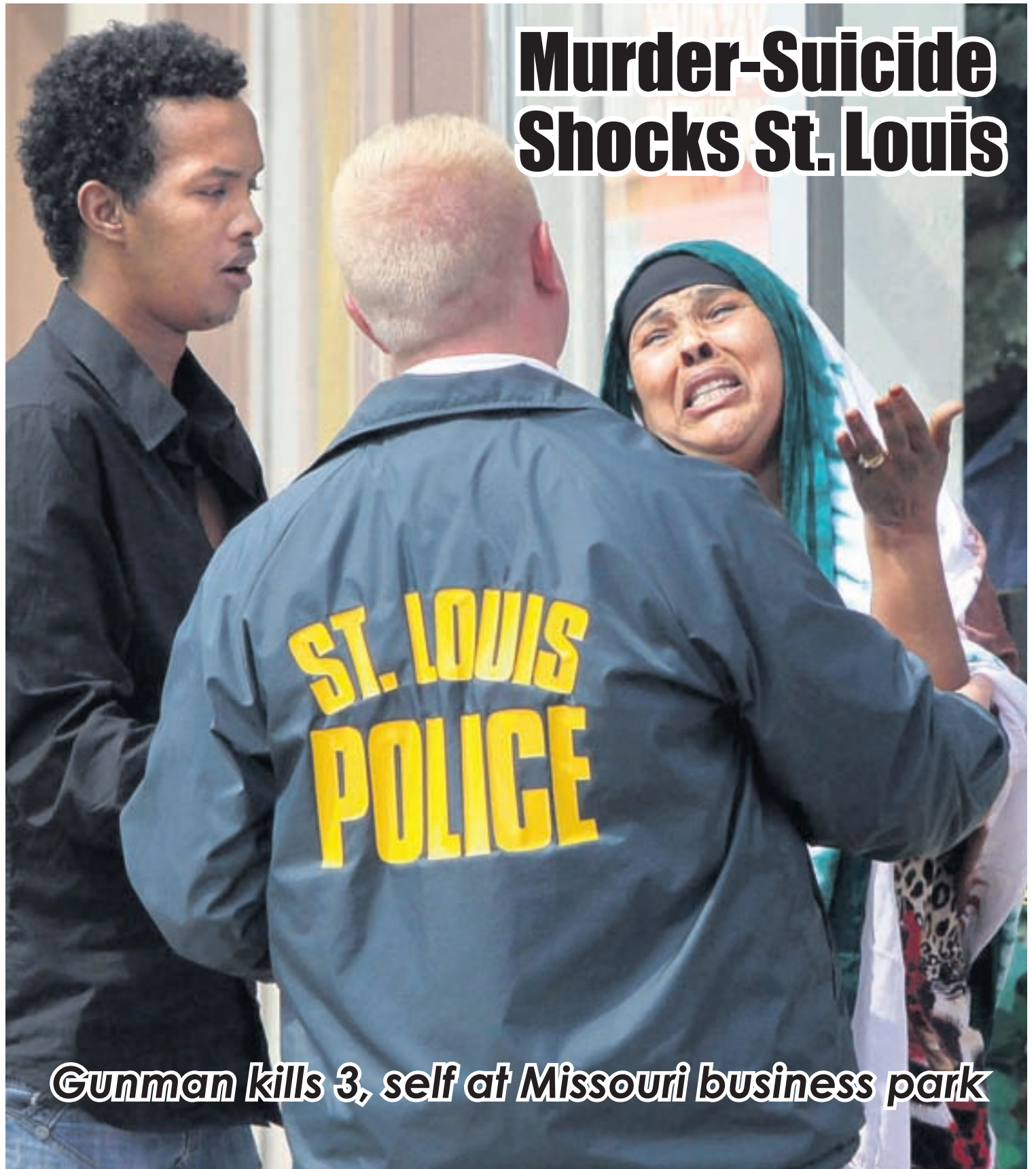
Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Meeting in Chicago, Thursday, June 13, 2013.

(AP Photo/Scott Eisen)

the nation's top diplomat. Clinton walked out to applause on stage at a Clinton Global Initiative America meeting in Chicago, calling the Clinton Foundation "my home" for several new public policy initiatives close to her heart.

"What I think we have to be about is working together, overcoming the lines that divide us, this partisan, cultural, geographic (divide)," she said. "Building on what we know works, we can take on any challenge we confront."

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Murder-Suicide Shocks St. Louis

Gunman kills 3, self at Missouri business park

Family members arrive on the scene on Cherokee Street in St. Louis where four people were found dead inside A.K. Home Health-care, located inside the Cherokee Place Business Incubator on Thursday, June 13, 2013. A man gunned down another man and two women before turning his semi-automatic handgun on himself, Police Capt. Michael Sack said.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen)

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Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An argument inside a St. Louis home health care business escalated into gun violence

Thursday when a man shot three other people before turning the gun on himself, police said.

The shooting occurred at AK Home Health Care

LLC, one several small businesses inside the Cherokee Place Business Incubator south of downtown St. Louis. The shooter gunned down another man and

two women before turning his semi-automatic handgun on himself, Police Capt. Michael Sack said.

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White House says Assad used chemical weapons

Argentine train wreck kills 3, injures hundreds

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — One commuter train slammed into another that had stopped between stations during the morning commute Thursday in suburban Buenos Aires, killing three passengers and injuring more than 300 on a line that has been under government control since a crash last year killed 51 people.

The state-run train agency dismissed possible brake failure as a cause and suggested that the conductor was at fault. Satellite images show the train had braked normally at the previous station, and then rolled past four functioning warning signals without stopping before crash, the agency said. "Before a warning signal, the conductor should completely stop the formation, a situation that did not happen." The conductors of both trains and their assistants were ordered detained by a judge for investigation on charges of "wrecking hav-

oc followed by death," the state news agency Telam reported.

Transportation Minister Florencio Randazzo asked for patience and vowed that those found responsible will be punished. But Argentina's independent auditor general, Leandro Despouy, who delivered a blistering report on the causes of last year's crash, suggested that the problems are systemic, due to many years of mismanagement, corruption and disrepair. "We've been warning that

this tragedy could happen again," Despouy told Radio de la Red. "Today it's a courageous move to travel by train." The train slammed into the back of another at 7:07 a.m. between the stations of Moron and Castelar on the Sarmiento line, which links the Argentine capital's densely populated western suburbs to the downtown Once station. Witnesses described the impact as "explosive," shaking the walls of nearby homes and derailing several of the train cars. □

Firefighters and rescue workers respond to a fatal commuter train wreck on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, June 13, 2013. A two-level train slammed into another that had stopped between stations during the morning commute Thursday. (AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

Gunmen kill director of Brazil paper

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Gunmen have killed the financial director of a Brazilian newspaper known for its denunciations of corruption and organized crime groups, police said Thursday. Four hooded gunmen shot Jose Roberto Ornelas de Lemos of the Hora H newspaper 44 times as he was drinking beer in a bakery shop on Tuesday in the town of Nova Iguaçu near Rio de Janeiro.

"The newspaper is known for its combative stance against corrupt politicians and policemen, but I don't know if that is why they killed him," Marco Aurelio of the Rio de Janeiro Journalists Union said by phone. Police inspector Marcos Henrique de Oliveira Alves told the Estado de S. Paulo newspaper that police suspect Lemos was killed because of the newspaper's work. The newspaper also quoted Lemos' brother Luciano as saying, "The death threats against him were frequent because the newspaper attacks police, politicians and crime groups." Repeated calls to the police and the newspaper for more details and comment went unanswered. "We urge the police, who are already investigating the murder, to do everything possible to establish the motive," Reporters Without Borders said in a statement "They must not rule out the possibility that it was linked to his work as a journalist."

The media rights group said Ornelas was the fourth Brazilian journalist to be killed this year. "He was the victim of a murder that is probably or definitely connected with his work. Brazil continues to be the Western Hemisphere's deadliest country for journalists in 2013," the statement said. The group said in an earlier report on Brazil that five journalists and bloggers were murdered in 2012 in connection with their work, "making Brazil the world's fifth deadliest country for media personnel." □



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UN: World population to reach 8.1 billion in 2025

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The United Nations forecast Thursday that the world's population will increase from 7.2 billion today to 8.1 billion in 2025, with most growth in developing countries and more than half in Africa. By 2050, it will reach 9.6 billion.

India's population is expected to surpass China's around 2028 when both countries will have populations of around 1.45 billion, according to the report on "World Population Prospects." While India's population is forecast to grow to around 1.6 billion and then slowly decline to 1.5 billion

in 2100, China's is expected to start decreasing after 2030, possibly falling to 1.1 billion in 2100, it said.

The report found global fertility rates are falling rapidly, though not nearly fast enough to avoid a significant population jump over the next decades. In fact, the U.N. revised its population projection upward since its last report two years ago, mostly due to higher fertility projections in the countries with the most children per women. The previous projection had the global population reaching 9.3 billion people in 2050.

John Wilmoth, director of

the Population Division in the U.N.'s Department of Economic and Social Affairs, said the projected population increase will pose challenges but is not necessarily cause for alarm. Rather, he said, the worry is for countries on opposite sides of two extremes: Countries, mostly poor ones, whose populations are growing too quickly, and wealthier ones where the populations is aging and decreasing.

"The world has had a great experience of dealing with rapid population growth," Wilmoth said at a news conference. "World population doubled between

1960 and 2000, roughly. World food supply more than doubled over that time period." "The problem is more one of extremes," he added. "The main story is to avoid the extreme of either rapid growth due to high fertility or rapid population aging and potential decline due to very low fertility." Among the fastest growing countries is Nigeria, whose population is expected to surpass the U.S. population before the middle of the century and could start to rival China as the second most populous country in the world by the end of the century, according to the report. □

White House says Assad used chemical weapons

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has conclusive evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime has used chemical weapons against opposition forces seeking to overthrow the government, crossing what President Barack Obama has called a "red line" that would trigger greater American involvement in the crisis, the White House said Thursday. In response, two U.S. officials said Obama planned to send weapons and ammunition to bolster the rebel forces, though the specific instance and timeline for delivery were unclear. Sen.

John McCain, who has been one of the strongest proponents of U.S. intervention in Syria's two-year civil war, said he had also been told of Obama's decision to arm the rebels.

Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser said Obama had decided to provide direct "military support" to the opposition but was unable to publicly discuss the type of aid that would be provided.

"This is going to be different in both scope and scale in terms of what we are providing," said Rhodes, adding that the additional aid would be aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of the Syria opposition. The U.S. has so far provided the Syrian rebel army with rations and medical supplies.

Thursday's announcement followed a series of urgent meetings at the White House this week that revealed deep divisions within the administration over U.S. involvement in Syria's civil war.

The proponents of more aggressive action — including Secretary of State John Kerry — appeared to have won out over those wary of sending weapons and ammunition into a war zone where Hezbollah and Iranian fighters are backing

Assad's armed forces, and al-Qaida-linked extremists back the rebellion.

Obama still opposes putting American troops on the ground in Syria and the U.S. has made no decision on operating a no-fly zone over Syria, Rhodes said.

The new U.S. intelligence assessments show that Assad has used chemical weapons, including sarin, on a small scale multiple times in the last year. Up to 150 people have been killed in those attacks, the White House said, constituting a small percentage of the 93,000 people killed in Syria over the last two years.

The White House said it believes Assad's regime still maintains control of Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles and does not see any evidence that rebel forces have launched attacks using the deadly agents.

The Obama administration announced in April that it had "varying degrees of confidence" that sarin had been used in Syria. But they said at the time that they had not been able to determine who was responsible for deploying the gas. The more conclusive findings announced Thursday were aided by evidence sent to the United States by France, which, along with Britain, announced it had determined that Assad's government had used chemical weapons in the two-year conflict.

Obama has said repeatedly that the use of chemical weapons would cross a "red line" and constitute a "game changer" for U.S. policy on Syria, which until now has focused entirely on providing the opposition with nonlethal assistance and humanitarian aid.

The White House said it had notified Congress, the United Nations and key international allies about the new U.S. chemical weapons determination. Obama will discuss the assessments, along with broader problems in Syria, next week during the G-8 summit in Northern Ireland. □

Lawmaker: Terrorists changing tactics after leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee said Thursday that terrorists are already changing their behavior based on information from leaks about classified U.S. data gathering programs, but he offered no details. Rep. Mike Rogers said it's part of the damage from disclosures by National Security Agency contractor

to track bad guys trying to harm U.S. citizens in the United States."

The ranking Democrat on the committee, Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland, said he's concerned that Snowden fled to Hong Kong, a part of China, "a country that's cyberattacking us every single day." He said investigators were trying to determine if Snowden would

the first time the extent of surveillance powers granted by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to help U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies track terrorists.

Officials have thrown out widely varying numbers of the attacks they say the broad surveillance of Americans' phone and online usage has thwarted.



House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., is followed by reporters as he arrives for a closed all-member briefing on the NSA on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

Edward Snowden of two NSA programs, which collect millions of telephone records and track foreign Internet activity on U.S. networks. Snowden fled to Hong Kong in May and has granted some interviews since then, saying he hopes to stay there and fight any charges that may yet be filed against him.

Rogers said there are "changes we can already see being made by the folks who wish to do us harm, and our allies harm" and that the revelations might also "make it harder

seek protection from the Chinese government.

Rogers and Ruppersberger spoke to reporters after a closed committee briefing with the NSA's director, Gen. Keith Alexander, who said he hopes to declassify details of dozens of attacks disrupted by the programs. Alexander said officials don't want to "cause another terror attack by giving out too much information."

The disclosures raised privacy concerns as Americans — some of them members of Congress — learned for

On Wednesday, Alexander said dozens have been stopped. Ruppersberger said the surveillance "has thwarted 10 possible terrorist attacks," then amended that number to be in line with Alexander's statement. In the initial days after the disclosures of the programs, officials cited one case. "We have not yet seen any evidence showing that the NSA's dragnet collection of Americans' phone records has produced any uniquely valuable intelligence," Democratic Sens. □

Supreme Court rules human genes may not be patented

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WASHINGTON - Isolated human genes may not be patented, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday. The case concerned patents held by Myriad Genetics, a Utah company, on genes that correlate with increased risk of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer.

The patents were challenged by scientists and doctors who said their research and ability to help patients had been frustrated. The particular genes at issue received attention after actress Angelina Jolie revealed in May that she had had a preventive double mastectomy after learning that she had inherited a faulty copy of a gene that put her at high risk for breast cancer.

The price of the test, often more than \$3,000, was partly a product of Myriad's patent, putting it out of reach for some women. The company filed patent infringement suits against others who conducted testing based on the gene. The price of the test "should

come down significantly," said Dr. Harry Ostrer, one of the plaintiffs in the case decided Thursday. The ruling, he said, "will have an immediate impact on peo-

ple's health." The court's ruling will also shape the course of scientific research and medical testing in other fields, and it may alter the willingness

of businesses to invest in the expensive work of isolating and understanding genetic material. The decision hewed closely to the position of the Obama administration, which had argued that isolated DNA could not be patented, but that complementary DNA, or cDNA, which is an artificial construct, could. The patentability of cDNA could limit some of the impact on industry from the decision. The central question for the justices in the case, *Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics*, No. 12-398, was whether isolated genes are "products of nature" that may not be patented or "human-made inventions" eligible for patent protection. Myriad's discovery of

the precise location and sequence of the genes at issue, BRCA1 and BRCA2, did not qualify, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court. "A naturally occurring DNA segment is a product of nature and not patent eligible merely because it has been isolated," he said. "It is undisputed that Myriad did not create or alter any of the genetic information encoded in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes."

"Groundbreaking, innovative or even brilliant discovery does not by itself satisfy the criteria" for patent eligibility, he said. But manipulating a gene to create something not found in nature, Thomas added, is an invention eligible for patent protection. □



The Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill, in Washington, June 13, 2013. Isolated human genes may not be patented, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Thursday, a decision that will shape the course of research and testing.

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

1 dead, 73 hurt in Louisiana plant explosion

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Associated Press

GEISMAR, Louisiana (AP) —

A ground-rattling explosion Thursday at a chemical plant in Louisiana ignited a blaze that killed at least one person and injured

dozens of others, authorities said. Witnesses described a chaotic scene of flames high in the air and workers scrambling over gates to escape the plant. A thick plume of black smoke rose from the plant



This photo provided by Ryan Meador shows an explosion at The Williams Companies Inc. plant in the Ascension Parish town of Geismar La., Thursday, June 13, 2013. The fire broke out Thursday morning at the plant, which the company's website says puts out about 1.3 billion pounds of ethylene and 90 million pounds of polymer grade propylene a year.

(AP Photo/Ryan Meador)

after the blast even after the fire was extinguished. At a roadblock several miles away where family members waited anxiously to hear about loved ones, flames were still easily visible above the trees even hours later.

Louisiana's health department said 77 people were treated at hospitals, with 51 being released by the evening. Hospitals reported that workers mostly had burns, cardiac and respiratory issues and bruises, health department spokeswoman Christina Stephens said in a news release. A body was found by haz-

ardous materials crews going through the aftermath of the blast at the facility, state police Capt. Doug Cain said. Trooper Jared Sandifer said the man killed was 29-year-old Zachary C. Green. The company said the blast happened at 8:37 a.m. By the afternoon, all of the plant's more than 300 workers had been accounted for, Cain said. The plant, owned by The Williams Companies Inc., based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is in an industrial area of Geismar, a Mississippi River community about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southeast of Baton Rouge. □



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Clinton, CGI to focus on children's, economic issues

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Clinton's speech at the start of a two-day conference touched on themes that could be part of a future Democratic presidential campaign, with the former New York senator stressing the need for private and public partnerships to tackle issues like economic and educational inequality.

"This can't just be a conversation about Washington. We all need to do our part," Clinton said. The foundation has recently been renamed the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation to reflect the family's full involvement in projects around the globe. Clinton noted that she had visited 112 nations as President Barack Obama's secretary of state — "I'm still jet-lagged," she joked — and had learned several lessons during her travels around the world. Regardless of someone's circumstances or homeland, "what people wanted was a good job," she said. She also pointed to efforts in rural West Virginia to boost

education and overcome poverty, saying economic inequality was "not limited to one county in West Virginia."

"There are too many places in our own country where community institutions are crumbling, social and public health indica-

she'll be pursuing at the foundation and did not address recent criticism from Republicans over her handling of the deadly attack on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, last September. She did not address a recent report that said misconduct complaints against

dog has asked outside law enforcement experts to review the cases.

As secretary of state, Clinton promoted a number of initiatives to improve the standing of women and girls in developing nations and she said that focus would continue, both in the United States and abroad. Clinton also described efforts to bolster early childhood opportunities around the nation, a subject that Obama has pushed this year.

The founder of the initiative, Bill Clinton, said he was glad his spouse was joining him at the foundation "with her own priorities and projects." The former president said he learned everything about non-governmental organization work from his

spouse, who worked early in her career with the Children's Defense Fund and was active on a number of educational and health initiatives as first lady of Arkansas. The conference included sessions led by the former president; the couple's daughter, Chelsea; Treasury Secretary Jack Lew and actress Eva Longoria. New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie, a potential 2016 White House contender, was joining the former president on stage Friday for a session entitled "Cooperation and Collaboration: A Conversation on Leadership," a nod to Christie's embrace of a bipartisan mantle as he seeks re-election in his Democratic-leaning home state this year. □



Former U.S. President Bill Clinton listens to Eva Longoria during a panel at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) meeting in Chicago, Thursday, June 13, 2013. During this opening session, Clinton was joined by other politicians and business leaders to discuss new ways to achieve economic and social mobility.

(AP Photo/Scott Eisen)

tors are cratering and jobs are coming apart and communities face the consequences," she said.

Mrs. Clinton's remarks focused on the initiatives

American diplomats were improperly halted by senior State Department officials while she was at the State Department. The State Department's internal watch-

Gunman kills 3, self at Missouri business park

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Authorities said the shooter either owned or was a co-owner of the small business and his three victims were employees. The victims' names have not been released. Sack said they appeared to be in their early-40s to mid-50s in age. Other details were not available. "We don't know if this was a thing that carried over into today or was initiated today," Sack said.

An employee of another business in the building heard gunshots and called police.

Other businesses in the building include an attorney's office and an African bazaar.

A woman who showed up about two hours after the shooting began sobbing loudly when she saw the police scene and was comforted by onlookers and police. A neighbor-

hood woman translated the woman's outbursts for reporters, saying the woman was worried that a relative was inside the building. Abdi Salam Elmi, an immigrant from Somalia who drives a cab in St. Louis, said he was close to all four of the dead in Thursday's shooting. He described them as hardworking, friendly people.

"They always smile for me.

This is my worst day in my life. It's a very, very sad day for us and a very sad day for the city of St. Louis."

St. Louis has long struggled with urban violence, but the last week has seen a troublesome uptick in bloodshed. Police scrambled late Monday and early Tuesday to respond to five different shootings on the city's north side that left 15 people wounded. □



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Colorado localities face tough decisions on marijuana

DAN FROSCH

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AURORA, Colo. - As Colorado moves closer to issuing temporary regulations on the sale of marijuana, now legal in small quantities, some cities and towns are not waiting for the new rules to take effect.

More than a dozen municipalities across the state have decided to enact moratoriums on retail marijuana sales, restricting them for now or at least until after the rules are finalized later this year.

Others, unsettled at the prospect of dispensaries within their borders, have

banned marijuana sales entirely - which they are permitted to do under Amendment 64, the 2012 constitutional amendment passed by voters that legalized recreational use of the drug.

"As we talked to our police department and our building code enforcement people, it didn't seem to be a very logical answer for us," said Mayor Tom Norton, of Greeley, a conservative farm town north of Denver that banned marijuana sales outright this month. "It seemed like it had the potential for creating more mischief than

what we wanted to put up with."

Discussions about how marijuana is to be regulated, and how the state will handle a legal drug market, played a central role during Colorado's 2013 legislative session. Meanwhile, communities from Littleton to Vail have taken it upon themselves to ponder the issue publicly.

In the past six months, a task force of lawmakers, representatives of the state's growing marijuana industry and others have wrestled with developing the rules. Initial regulations, including licensing provisions -



A family crosses a street in Aurora, Colo. More than a dozen municipalities across the state have decided to enact moratoriums on retail marijuana sales, restricting them for now or at least until after the rules making it legal are finalized later this year.

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described as "emergency rules" by the Colorado Department of Revenue - will go into effect July 1. Permanent rules will be drafted later this summer.

Voters will also consider proposed sales and excise taxes on marijuana on the ballot in November. The first license to sell marijuana in Colorado will not be issued until 2014.

But in the meantime, local governments have until October to decide whether they will allow licensed marijuana businesses to start operating in their areas early next year.

Not surprisingly, reactions in Colorado's communities have varied according to whether their citizens supported Amendment 64.

In Denver, where residents overwhelmingly backed the measure and medical marijuana dispensaries line thoroughfares, city councilors have indicated their desire to move forward with marijuana sales.

Smaller communities like

Montrose, the seat of Montrose County, where most voters opposed legalization, have chosen to prohibit sales.

Some have opted for a middle ground.

City councilors in Aurora, for example, voted last week to delay the date when residents could start applying for marijuana business licenses to next May so that local officials could take more time to devise their own regulations.

"There is another legislative session next year following the ballot issue this fall, which could change everything," Mayor Steve Hogan said. "We're interested in the possibilities related to retail establishments. But we're not going to do anything until next spring."

According to data compiled by the Colorado Municipal League, nearly three dozen cities and towns have banned retail marijuana sales outright so far, while 25 have passed moratoriums. □

US Financial Front:

Launch of US-EU trade talks may be hitting snag

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the big goals of President Barack Obama's up-

long plagued economic relations. It would create a market with common standards and regulations across countries that ac-

But old tensions are rearing once again, with France demanding an exclusion for European film, radio and TV industries — fearing the influence of Hollywood on homegrown culture. The U.S. says nothing should be taken off the table before negotiations even begin.

Officials at the 27-nation EU say France has the political clout to block an EU mandate that would greenlight negotiations, because it would be folly to enter the union's most ambitious trade talks divided. The French threat, along with an erupting controversy over sweeping U.S. secret surveillance programs, may have soured the atmosphere for an announcement during Obama's European visit. The European Parliament, elected representatives from across the EU, demand that data protection be paramount in the trade talks now that the surveillance programs have come to light.

"The agreement should guarantee full respect for EU fundamental rights," Martin Schulz, the president of the legislature, said on Thursday. "The European parliament supports a high level of protection of personal data."

The Americans are urging swift action to open pro-

ceedings.

"If the Europeans cannot get their act together to start the negotiations when the president is here in Europe, I seriously wonder when these negotiations will begin," said Peter

Chase, U.S. Chamber of Commerce vice president for Europe. The chamber, which represents American big business, has backed the trade deal and predicted great benefit for U.S. companies. □



President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington. One of the big goals of President Barack Obama's upcoming trip to Europe may be in jeopardy with French objections threatening to hold up the launch of negotiations on a sweeping U.S.-European Union free trade pact. The proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership has raised great expectations of boosting growth and jobs by eliminating tariffs and other barriers that have long plagued economic relations.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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The proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership has raised great expectations of boosting growth and jobs by eliminating tariffs and other barriers that have

count for nearly half the global economy.

And it would be a sharp departure from years of U.S.-European squabbling over trade. There had been a number of signs of carefully choreographed plans to announce the start of talks next week, when Obama meets with European leaders at a G-8 summit of leading economic nations in Northern Ireland.

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Turkish PM meets with protesters after warning

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey's prime minister was meeting with anti-government protesters early Friday, hours after giving them his "final warning" to end their occupation of a central Istanbul park that has become a flashpoint for the largest political crisis of his 10-year rule. If the talks break down, an eventual police intervention to clear Taksim Square's Gezi Park of the thousands of protesters who have been camping there for two weeks seemed increasingly likely. As Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan held talks in the capital, Ankara, Istanbul's governor hosted a midnight meeting with any protesters who cared to join him at a cafe near Taksim Square — vowing to consult with them "until the morning if necessary"

on finding a solution to the Gezi Park sit-in.

"I hope this meeting will be a message to youngsters from different ages in Gezi Park ... we are trying to end this issue without (police) having to intervene," Huseyin Avni Mutlu told reporters on the way in.

Even if a deal is reached, however, it does not guarantee the sit-in will end. Although the Taksim Solidarity group, two of whose members were meeting with Erdogan, has emerged as the most high-profile from the occupation that began last month, it does not speak for all the thousands of people camping in the park. Many say they have no affiliation to any group or party. In Gezi and on Taksim Square, thousands gathered in a peaceful, festive show of defiance, many dancing to tunes played on a grand piano delivered to the square on



A musician plays piano under the monument of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern Turkey, as protesters gather to listen to his concert and police guard the area at the Taksim Square in Istanbul late Thursday, June 13, 2013. (AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

a truck. But in the capital, Ankara, a demonstration by hundreds of protesters rallying in sympathy with the Gezi Park activists turned violent, with police

firing tear gas and rubber bullets. Erdogan has maintained a hard line against the demonstrations since they began two weeks ago and spread across the country, angrily denouncing the protesters as looters and vandals. He has said the unrest was instigated by a variety of interests, including foreign media and interest rate lobbies intent on destroying Turkey's international reputation and halting its economic growth. Five people, including a police officer, have died and over 5,000 protesters and 600 police have been reported injured in clashes. On Thursday, Erdogan gave his starkest warning yet that the protests, which have trained an unflattering spotlight on his Islamic-rooted government, must end. "We have arrived at the end of our patience," Erdogan said in Ankara.

"I am giving you my final warning." Earlier this week, riot police armed with tear gas, water cannon and plastic bullets moved into the park's adjacent Taksim Square, which had also been under occupation, and cleared it of protesters and banners in a day-long operation as groups of demonstrators fought back with stones, firebombs, bottles and fireworks. Although the vast majority of the thousands camp-

ing in the park have been peaceful, police also fired dozens of rounds of tear gas in among the tents. Volunteers at a makeshift infirmary there said hundreds were treated for injuries or the effects of tear gas. As the domestic and international outcry has grown against the police's often heavy-handed tactics, Erdogan has sought to present a somewhat more pragmatic side in the last few days, offering to hold a referendum on the park development project which served as the spark to ignite the nation-wide protests. The demonstrations spread to dozens of cities across the country after a May 31 violent police crackdown on environmental protesters staging a sit-in at Gezi Park to stop construction that would replace the park with a replica Ottoman-era barracks. They morphed into a broader protest against what many say is the prime minister's increasingly authoritarian style and his perceived attempts to impose his religious and conservative views on a country with secular laws — charges Erdogan strongly rejects. In Ankara, Erdogan was meeting with eight artists and two members of Taksim Solidarity, a group that has coordinating much of the Gezi sit-in, the state-run Anadolu agency said. □

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In Syrian civil war:

UN adjusts overall death toll to nearly 93,000 killed

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrians are being killed at an average rate of 5,000 per month, the U.N. said Thursday as it raised the overall death toll in the civil war to nearly 93,000, with civilians bearing the brunt of the attacks. The grim estimate reflects the growing sectarian nature of the bloodshed as the regime of President Bashar Assad scores a series of battlefield successes against the rebels. The toll also is a reminder of the international community's helplessness in the face of a conflict that has displaced several million people and spilled over into neighboring countries with alarming frequency. Adding to the pressure for international action, the United States announced Thursday it had conclusive evidence that Assad's regime has used chemical weapons, including the nerve agent sarin, on a small scale against opposition forces. The White House said multiple chemical attacks last year

killed up to 150 people. President Barack Obama has said the use of chemical weapons by the Syria regime would be a "red line" that would trigger greater U.S. involvement in the crisis. Officials said Obama was considering both political and military options, but it was unclear how quickly new actions would be taken and what they would involve. In the latest violence, a mortar round slammed into an area near the runway at Damascus International Airport, briefly disrupting flights to and from the Syrian capital, officials said. The attack Thursday came a few weeks after the government announced it had secured the airport road that had been targeted by rebels in the past. It was the first known attack to hit inside the airport, located south of the capital, and highlighted the difficulty Assad faces in maintaining security even in areas firmly under his control. In Gene-

va, the U.N. human rights office said it had documented 92,901 killings in

possible to provide an exact number, which could be far higher.

U.N. officials had estimated higher numbers, most recently 80,000. The latest report adds more confirmed killings to the previous time period and an additional 27,000 between December and April. The conflict began in 2011 as largely peaceful protests of Assad's autocratic regime. After a relentless government crackdown on the demonstrators, many Syrians took up arms against the regime, and the uprising became a civil war. The government has gained momentum since recapturing the strategic town of Qusair near the border with Lebanon. Regime forces now appear set on securing control of the central provinces of Homs and Hama, a linchpin area linking Damascus with regime strongholds on the Mediterranean coast, and Aleppo to the north. □



Hana, 12, flashes the victory sign next to her sister Eva, 13, as they recover from severe injuries after the Syrian Army shelled their house in Idlib, north Syria. Syria's upwardly spiraling violence has resulted in the confirmed killings of almost 93,000 people, the United Nations' human rights office said Thursday but acknowledged the real number is likely to be far higher.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

Syria between March 2011 and the end of April 2013. But the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Navi Pillay, said it was im-

The figure was up from nearly 60,000 through the end of November, recorded in an analysis released in January. Since then,

Truck crashes into Mexico teachers' protest, 7 dead

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — Authorities in western Mexico say a tanker truck carrying tar has slammed into a highway toll booth that had temporarily been taken over by protesting teachers. They say seven people are dead and another 14 injured. Most of the dead and injured are believed to be teachers who have been holding a series of protests in the western state of Michoacan. State prosecutors' spokes-

man Alejandro Arellano said the accident occurred Thursday on a highway west of the state capital city of Morelia. The teachers are protesting educational reforms that would reduce union power in hiring decisions and establish teacher evaluations. Protesters in Mexico often seize highway toll booths, and sometimes demand drivers pay a small sum to drive through without paying a toll. □

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Israel moving ahead with new housing

TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is moving forward with plans to build more than 1,000 homes in two small isolated Jewish settlements deep in the West Bank, a spokesman said Thursday, as Palestinian officials complained that Israel is undercutting U.S. peace efforts at a sensitive time.

The announcement drew swift U.S. condemnation. The settlements to be expanded, Itamar and Bruchin, are located in an area of the West Bank that would not be part of Israel in any foreseeable partition deal with the Palestinians. The building plans, which still need final approval, would increase the number of homes in both settlements far beyond any needs for accommodating natural population growth.

The Israeli anti-settlement group Peace Now initially reported the proposed expansions of the two settlements, a decision later confirmed by Guy Inbar, a spokesman for Israel's Defense Ministry, which helps oversee settlement policy. He said the plans were advanced in the past two weeks.

The construction plans were given preliminary approval last year and still require official endorsement following public appeals.

Israeli settlement building lies at the heart of the impasse over restarting negotiations on the terms of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. Such talks broke down nearly five years ago, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has shuttled between the two sides in recent months to bring them back to the table, so far to no avail.

The Palestinians want a

discussed in negotiations. Nabil Shaath, an Abbas adviser, said Israel's latest move is a new sign of bad faith.

"This Israeli government is destroying the two-state solution and the prospects of a peace deal in deeds and words," he said. "They (Israelis) say they have the right to build anywhere they want in the West Bank, and then they say 'let's go

he was not authorized to comment on the record.

More than 550,000 Israelis live in dozens of settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, a majority in larger communities close to Israel's pre-1967 frontier. In addition, the West Bank is dotted with smaller settlements, such as Bruchin and Itamar, as well as dozens of outposts not formally sanctioned by the government that would likely have to be dismantled in any partition deal.

Kerry has been searching for a formula that would bring Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table. It is expected to include a slowdown in settlement construction, security guarantees to Israel and economic incentives to the Palestinians. Kerry has urged both sides to avoid provocative actions that could hurt the negotiating climate.

"Certainly we find this unhelpful," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said of the latest building plans.

"I think the secretary himself made very clear the last couple of times he's spoken about this that both sides need to make tough choices. And it's on them to make the decision about whether they're willing to move back to the table," she added.

The international community considers Israeli settlements on war-won lands illegal or illegitimate. □



Palestinians try to put out fire in an olive grove near the West Bank village of Burin, near Nablus. Palestinian witnesses say Jewish settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire to an olive grove.
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state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, lands Israel captured in 1967. Before going to talks, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas wants Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to recognize Israel's pre-1967 line as a starting point or promise to stop building in settlements. The Israeli leader has refused to do either, saying all issues should be

to negotiations' while they continue building settlements on our lands, and then they blame us if we say that there can be no negotiations with the continuation of the settlement activities."

Senior Israeli government officials were traveling with Netanyahu in Poland and not immediately available for comment. An official in Netanyahu's office said

Germany will draw up \$10.6B flooding fund

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany will create a fund of up to 8 billion euros (\$10.6 billion) to pay for the damage caused by recent flooding, Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday. The country, which has Europe's biggest economy, won't raise taxes to cover the costs and will raise borrowing, Merkel said after meeting Germany's 16 state governors.

The cost of the fund, meant to finance long-term rebuilding, will be split equally between the federal government and the states; details of financing have yet to be finalized but Merkel said issuing government bonds is one possibility.

The Elbe, the Danube and other rivers overflowed their banks following persistent heavy rain, causing extensive damage over the past two weeks in southern and northeastern Germany. The water is now slowly receding in most areas.

Fitch Ratings earlier this week estimated that the cost of damage in Germany would total about 12 billion euros, and that insurers would face claims of up to 3 billion euros.

Merkel stressed that "we don't yet know the concrete scale of the damage," but officials named a "generous" figure of up to 8 billion euros as they launched a drive to pass legislation by early July. □

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Nicaragua government approves massive canal project

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**MANAGUA, Nicaragua
(AP)** — A multi-billion dollar

proposal to plow a massive rival to the Panama Canal across the middle of Nicaragua was approved by the leftist-controlled National Assembly Thursday, capping a lightning-fast approval process that has provoked deep skepticism among shipping experts and concern among environmentalists.

The assembly dominated by President Daniel Ortega's Sandinista Front voted to grant a 50-year concession to plan and build the canal —with an option for another 50 — to a Hong Kong-based company whose only previous experience appears to be in telecommunications.

The legislation approved Thursday by a 61-28 vote contains no specific route for a canal and virtually no details of its financing or economic viability. It grants the Hong Kong company exclusive rights to plan and build the canal in exchange for Nicaragua

receiving a minority share of any eventual profits. Ortega's backers say the Chinese will transform one of the region's poorest countries by turning a

to the country and fueling an economic boom that would mimic the canal-driven prosperity of nearby Panama.

The currently estimated

maritime transport is constantly growing and that makes this feasible. Opposing it is unpatriotic."

While the Hong Kong company has said almost

shipping experts say those concerns are real, but lowered demand for massive container shipping and increasing competition from potential routes, including the warming Arctic, may mean that the Nicaraguan canal will simply prove economically unfeasible, adding to a long list of unrealized visions of moving riches from sea to sea across the country.

Either way, the quick march of the canal project through the National Assembly has set off a backlash from environmental and other activists, who held a series of marches this week to protest the granting of rights to the HK Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co., without any open bidding process or details of its financing. "Nicaragua isn't for sale. Nicaragua belongs to all Nicaraguans and isn't the private property of Ortega and his family," the Movement for Nicaragua, a coalition of civil-society groups, said in an open letter to the country Wednesday.

When he took power in 1979, Ortega was a socialist firebrand whom the U.S. government tried to overthrow by backing Contra rebels in the 1980s. He was voted out of office in 1990 but returned after winning the 2006 election. □



Workers position a ladder to hang a banner on a wharf surrounded by Lake Nicaragua, in Granada, Nicaragua. A multi-billion dollar Chinese plan to plow a massive rival to the Panama Canal across the middle of Nicaragua was approved by the leftist-controlled National Assembly Thursday, June 13, 2013, capping a lightning-fast approval process that has provoked deep skepticism among shipping experts and intense concern among environmentalists.

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centuries-old dream of a Nicaraguan trans-ocean canal into reality, bringing tens of thousands of jobs

cost is \$40 billion.

"One of Nicaragua's great riches is its geographic position, that's why this idea has always been around," Sandinista congressman Jacinto Suarez said during the legislative debate Thursday. "Global trade demands that this canal is built because it's necessary. The data shows that

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dary band El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico on October 4th and the famous Grammy-Award winner George Benson. Negotiations with a very popular singer from Latin America are still ongoing. Other artists that will make their appearance during the 7th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz



U.S. Forward Operating Location Welcomes New Commander

WILLEMSTAD - Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Beers relinquished command of the United States Forward Operating Locations (US-FOL) in Curacao and Aruba to Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Reny today. The Change of Command is a time-honored military tradition which symbolizes the continuation of leadership and unit identity, despite the change in individual authority. It also allows other airmen to personally witness the command authority passing from one officer to another. Passing

ly represents this transfer. Commander Beers distinguished himself with outstanding service to the United States as Commander, Detachment 2, 612th Theater Operation Group, Headquarters Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern), Forward Operating Locations Curacao and Aruba. During this period, Commander Beers expertly directed over 110 aircraft and 1900 joint and multinational personnel supporting the United States' Southern Command and Joint Inter-agency Task Force-South's



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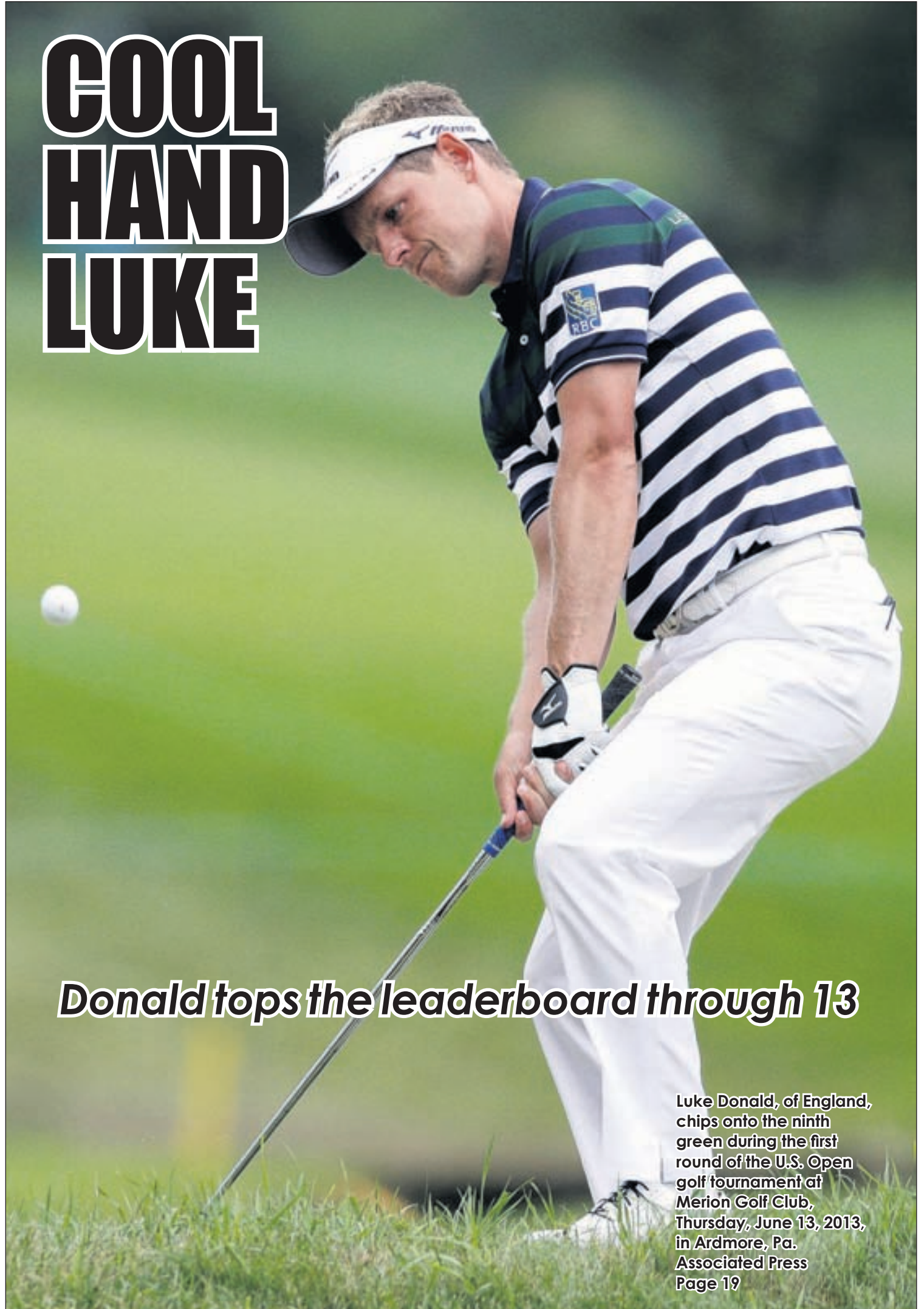
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JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Long after the celebration was over, Marian Hossa finally made it home and managed to fall asleep around 3 a.m. The Chicago star woke up a few hours later, roused by a noisy neighbor. "I think my neighbor decided he was going to drill in the morning. That was really unpleasant," Hossa said Thursday. "You know, hopefully, he is going to get the message for next time, he won't drill. Feel a little tired today." Everyone was a little tired after a rousing start to the Stanley Cup finals. Chicago and Boston played three overtimes Wednesday night in the fifth-longest game in the history of the NHL's marquee series.

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COOL HAND LUKE



Donald tops the leaderboard through 13

Luke Donald, of England, chips onto the ninth green during the first round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Thursday, June 13, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.
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Brooklyn Nets new head coach Jason Kidd meets with reporters after he was introduced at an NBA basketball news conference Thursday, June 13, 2013, in New York.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - After playing in the NBA for 19 years, Jason Kidd is nervous about being a rookie coach. Kidd was introduced Thursday as the new coach of the Brooklyn Nets, less than 24 hours after he was hired

by the franchise he led to its greatest NBA success. "Yes, I have a lot to learn about coaching," Kidd said, but when he was playing as a point guard, "I felt like I was an extension of the coach." Kidd, who succeeds P.J.

Kidd introduced as Nets' coach, with much to learn

Carlesimo, said his message to players will be simple: "You've got to play hard, you've got to play defense and we're going to grow together." Nets general manager Billy King said he's not concerned about Kidd's lack of experience on the bench and that any hire is a risk.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Carlesimo wasn't retained after leading the Nets into the playoffs, where they lost to the Chicago Bulls in the first round. He went 35-19 after replacing Avery Johnson, who was fired in December.

The move reunites the

40-year-old Kidd with the franchise he led to consecutive NBA Finals in 2002-03, when they played in New Jersey. He spent 6 1/2 seasons with the Nets, averaging 14.6 points, 9.1 assists and 7.2 rebounds, and is their career leader in numerous statistical categories. He spent last season

with the New York Knicks. Kidd also has a court date next week on Long Island stemming from a drunken-driving arrest last year. He has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor DWI and is due in Southampton Town Court on June 20, according to the Suffolk County prosecutors' office. □

Murray reaches qfs at Queen's



Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to Marinko Matosevic of Australia during their Queen's Club grass court championships third round tennis match in London, Thursday, June 13, 2013.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray reached the quarterfinals at Queen's Club on Thursday after overcoming Nicolas Mahut 6-3, 7-6 (4) in a match suspended overnight and then beating Australia's Marinko Matosevic 6-2, 6-2. Defending champion and No. 5 seed Marin Cilic of Croatia saved a match point and swept the last five games to defeat Spanish qualifier Feliciano Lopez 4-6, 7-6 (5) 7-5.

There were also wins for second seeded Czech Tomas Berdych, No. 3 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina and fourth-seeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. But the No. 6 and 2010 champion Sam Querrey was upset by former four-time tournament winner Lleyton Hewitt, who came through 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. Murray resumed his match

against Mahut at 2-2 in the second set and fought off three break points in his first two service games before claiming victory in the tie-breaker.

The top-seeded Scot then took early charge against Matosevic, breaking to lead 2-1 and again in the fifth game. A break for 1-0 gave Murray a perfect start to the second set and a further break for 4-1 all but sealed his opponent's fate. "The hardest part is just the waiting around," Murray said. "We came off maybe three times yesterday. Today, the same thing again, a lot of waiting around for my match this afternoon. It's important to make sure you sort of relax and don't waste too much energy between matches."

Berdych eased past 16th seeded Slovenian Grega Zemlja 6-3, 6-4, and Del Potro surrendered just eight points in the opening set against Britain's Daniel Evans before winning 6-0, 6-3. Tsonga, who finished as runner-up to Murray in 2011, survived two three-set battles, defeating fellow Frenchman Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3 in a rain-delayed second round match and then Dutchman Igor Sijsling 7-5, 5-7, 6-3. American Denis Kudla reached his first ATP Tour quarterfinal with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Kenny De Schepper of France, and Germany's Benjamin Becker upset No. 7 seed Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 7-6 (5), 7-5. □

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A long day and the lead for Lefty at U.S. Open

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania

(AP) — Even for Phil Mickelson, his path to the top of the leaderboard Thursday in the U.S. Open was unconventional.

He traveled about 2,400 miles (3,800 kilometers) in the air and 7,000 yards on the ground. He took a short nap on his private jet from San Diego and another one during a rain delay when he found a secluded corner of the library room in the Merion clubhouse. He carried five wedges but no driver.

Some 17 hours later, Mickelson had a 3-under 67 to match his best opening round in the U.S. Open.

Mickelson returned from his daughter's eighth-grade graduation about 3½ hours before his tee time. He three-putted his first hole for a bogey and didn't give back a shot the rest of the day at Merion, which proved plenty tough by yielding only one other round under par to the 78 players who completed the first round.

Because of two rain delays, the first round won't be completed until Friday morning. Mickelson won't have to tee it up again for another 24 hours.

Enough time to fly back to San Diego?

"I don't want to push it, no," Mickelson said with a tired smile.

Tiger Woods faced a tougher road. He appeared to hurt his left hand after trying to gouge out of the deep rough on the opening hole. He grimaced and shook his left wrist again after hitting a 5-wood out of the rough on the fifth hole. He already had three bogeys though five holes before starting to make up ground with a 50-foot birdie putt on the par-4 sixth hole.

Woods, however, failed to take advantage on the short stretch of holes in the middle of the round, and he was shaking his hand again after shots out of

the rough on the 10th and twice on the 11th. He was 2-over for his round and had a 4-foot par putt on the 11th when play was stopped for the day.

"I've got a lot of holes to play tomorrow," Woods said. "And, hopefully, I can play a little better than I did today."

Luke Donald was 4-under through 13 holes, making one last birdie before leaving the course. The first round was to resume at 7:15 a.m. Friday, and the forecast called for drier weather for the rest of the week. Masters champion Adam Scott, playing with Woods and Rory McIlroy, was 3-under through 11 holes, while defending U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson was 2-under through eight holes. McIlroy was 1-under. Lee Westwood got the full Merion experience. He was 3-under when his approach on the 12th hit the wicker basket — the signature at Merion, replacing traditional flags — and bounced off the green, leading to a double bogey.

For Mickelson, this could be the start of yet another chance to win the major championship he wants so dearly. Or maybe he's setting himself up for more heartache. He already has been a runner-up a record five times in the U.S. Open.

"If I'm able — and I believe I will — if I'm able to ultimately win a U.S. Open, I would say that it's great," Mickelson said. "Because I will have had ... a win and five seconds. But if I never get that win, then it would be a bit heart-breaking."

Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium, the only other player from the morning wave to break par, picked up birdies on the short seventh and eighth holes for a 69.

Former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, Tim Clark, Rickie Fowler, Jason Day and Jerry Kelly were the only others who at least matched par at 70. Clark and Kelly were at 2 under deep in their rounds until

running into trouble, which isn't hard to do in the U.S. Open, especially at Merion. Clark took a double bogey-bogey stretch in the middle of his back nine. Kelly was one shot behind Mickelson until a double bogey on the 18th hole.

"It's a lot tougher than they say it is," Schwartzel said.

It doesn't take much — just two holes for Sergio Garcia, who found Merion far more daunting than the few wisecracks from the gallery. Garcia received mostly warm applause, with some barely audible boos from the grandstand when he started his round on No. 11. It was his first time competing in America since his public spat with Woods took a bad turn when he jokingly said he would have Woods over for dinner during the U.S. Open and serve fried chicken.

"There were a couple here and there," Garcia said about some jeers. "But I



Phil Mickelson reacts to his birdie putt on the first hole during the first round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Thursday, June 13, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.

Associated Press

felt the people were very nice for the whole day. I think that almost all of them were behind me and that was nice to see."

They saw him hit his tee shot out of bounds on No. 14 right before the first rain delay, leading to double bogey. □

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Red Sox edge Rays to open AL East lead

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)

— Alfredo Aceves threw six solid innings, Daniel Nava homered and the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Wednesday night.

Aceves (3-1), recalled before the game from Triple-A Pawtucket, allowed one run, four hits and four walks. This is the right-hander's third stint with the Red Sox this season.

Nava put the Red Sox up 2-0 on a third-inning, two-run homer off Chris Archer (1-2), who gave up two runs, four hits, four walks and struck out seven over four innings. The Rays right-hander exuberantly left the mound after striking out Nava with the bases loaded to end the fourth.

INDIANS 5, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jason Kipnis had a home run among his three hits and Cleveland got a series-clinching victory over Texas.

A night after ending an eight-game losing streak, and a span of 12 straight losses away from home, the Indians earned



Boston Red Sox's Daniel Nava follows the flight of his third-inning two-run home run off Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Chris Archer during a baseball game on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury also scored on the hit.

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consecutive victories to clinch their first road series in a month. They had gone 0-4-1 in series since taking two of three May 10-12 at Detroit, the only American League team with a better home record than Texas this season.

Mike Aviles also homered for Cleveland, which also won 5-2 on Tuesday after losing the series opener 6-3. The Indians get a day off before starting a nine-

game homestand Friday against Washington.

Ubaldo Jimenez (5-4) allowed one run pitching into the sixth.

ANGELS 9, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE — Erick Aybar hit a bases-loaded triple and Albert Pujols homered during a six-run seventh inning, helping Los Angeles beat Baltimore to stop a four-game losing streak.

Hank Conger homered, Pujols had three hits

and Howie Kendrick contributed two doubles to help the Angels avert a three-game sweep and put a positive finish on a 2-4 trip that began in Boston.

Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 21st homer for Baltimore off Jerome Williams (5-2), ending a 1-for-17 skid with his first home run and RBI since June 2.

Pedro Strop (0-3) gave up the triple to Aybar. As Aybar slid into third, the relay throw from Ryan Flaherty bounced out of play, allowing Aybar to score for a 6-4 lead.

ROYALS 3, TIGERS 2, 10 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Lorenzo Cain hit a tying, two-run homer off Jose Valverde with two outs in the ninth and Eric Hosmer had a winning single in the 10th as Kansas City overcame Justin Verlander's seven scoreless innings in a victory over Detroit.

Verlander did not allow a batter past first base, giving up three singles, striking out eight and walking two in a 117-pitch outing, his second-highest total this

season.

Greg Holland (2-1) pitched a perfect 10th for the win, striking out Torii Hunter and Miguel Cabrera and retiring Prince Fielder on a lineout, and Miguel Tejada singled off Phil Coke (0-4) leading off the bottom half.

ASTROS 6, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Houston rallied to score six runs off closer Tom Wilhelmsen in the ninth inning and beat Seattle, snapping a six-game losing streak and giving the Astros their first victory this season when trailing after eight innings.

Trailing 1-0, Jason Castro and J.D. Martinez led off with a pair of singles and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt from Carlos Corporan. After an intentional walk of Carlos Pena, Chris Carter doubled off the wall in left field to score a pair and give the Astros their first lead of the game. Another intentional walk loaded the bases again and brought the hook for Wilhelmsen (0-2), who blew his fourth save in his last nine tries.

Paul Clemens (4-2) earned the victory for Houston. □

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It finally came to an end — at the stroke of midnight, no less — when Andrew Shaw deflected Dave Bolland's shot into the goal to give the Blackhawks the victory.

It was a deflating outcome for the Bruins, who also lost important forward Nathan Horton to an injury during the first overtime, while the Blackhawks seemed relieved that they didn't have to sit on such a heart-breaking loss for two days before Game 2 on Saturday night.

"It's one of those games being down 3-1, you come back to tie it 3-3, you feel like something was left on the table if you didn't come back and win it,"

forward Patrick Kane said. "The game went a long time. It's definitely a good feeling winning in the third overtime when it does go that long."

The winner of Game 1 has gone on to win the title in 56 of the 73 seasons since the NHL went to a best-of-seven format for the championship series in 1939. The Blackhawks won the first two games when they beat Philadelphia to win it all in 2010.

Just don't expect to see much concern coming from the Boston camp. The Bruins dropped the first two games at Vancouver in the 2011 finals, and went on to take the series in seven games.

"I don't think much is going to rattle our team," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We're a pretty resilient group of guys. We live in



Boston Bruins defenseman Andrew Ference (21) blocks a shot by Chicago Blackhawks left wing Bryan Bickell (29) during the second period of Game 1 in their NHL Stanley Cup Final hockey series on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Chicago.

Associated Press

the moment."

Boston was on a power play during the first over-

time when Horton tangled with Blackhawks defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson in

front of the Chicago net. Horton skated off with what appeared to be some sort of upper body injury.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed here," Julien said. "He's day to day, and he's back with us hopefully the next day."

Horton plays with David Krejci and Milan Lucic on Boston's dangerous top line, and any sort of extended absence would be a major blow for the Bruins. Lucic had two goals and an assist in Game 1, Krejci had two assists and Horton also had an assist.

The line has 21 goals and 36 assists in the playoffs.

"He's a guy that's been coming up big for us in the playoffs," defenseman Torey Krug said. "To not have him in the rest of that game definitely hurt us. But we have confidence in our guys." □

Bolt runs track record 19.79 over 200 at Bislett

CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

OSLO (AP) — Usain Bolt bounced back from a rare defeat with a track record at the Bislett Games on Thursday in his debut 200 meters of the season. "I'm not in as bad shape as I thought I was," Bolt said. Bolt, who lost the 100 meters by one hundredth of a second in Rome the week before, answered concerns about his condition by finishing in 19.79 sec-

corner pretty hard so it was good to have somebody in the mix that runs fast, because it helps for you to push yourself." Bolt finished three hundredths of a second quicker than Frank Fredericks of Namibia did in 1996 to set the new Bislett record. The Jamaican is the only athlete to break the 20 second mark over 200 meters this season. After losing to American Justin Gatlin in Rome last

learn. This is always good, a learning curve. If it happens in the world championships, then it's already happened here so you know how to deal with it."

Bolt was disqualified for a false start at the 2011 world championships in South Korea. "I know how it feels, it's not a good feeling," he laughed. Earlier, Olympic champion Meseret Defar of Ethiopia

Tiffany Porter of Britain won the women's 100 hurdles in 12.76, and Czech hurdler Zuzana Hejnova of the Czech Republic continued her great form with a season's best of 53.60 to take the 400 hurdles. Ekaterina Poistogova of Russia emerged victorious in the women's 800, and Iveta Lalova of Bulgaria edged Murielle Ahoure of Ivory Coast by one hundredth of a second to win

the 100 meters in 11.04 seconds. Both clocked season's bests. The 19-year-old Consensus Kipruto led a Kenyan sweep of the top six places in the men's 3,000 steeplechase, winning in 8:04.48 ahead of Ezekiel Kemboi and Hillary Kipsang Yego. Yousef Ahmed Masrahi of Saudi Arabia finished strongly to win the men's 400, and Djibouti's Ayanleh Souleiman won the mile. □



Usain Bolt of Jamaica, left, competes in and wins the men's 200 metres during the Diamond League athletics competition at the Bislett Stadium in Oslo, Thursday June 13, 2013. Associated Press

onds, the fastest long sprint run by anyone this season. "Overall it was a good run, I can't complain. It's sub 20," said the Jamaican, who holds the world record at the distance in 19.19. "I could have done better. I think I need to work on my corners but otherwise it was a good race." Norway's Jaysuma Saidy Ndure finished second with a season best 20.36 seconds, with James Ellington of Britain third in 20.55. "I knew (Ndure) was going to make sure I ran the

week, Bolt didn't even let a false start from European 200 champion Churandy Martina of the Netherlands put him off. Martina was disqualified and Bolt powered on regardless at the second attempt, finishing strongly in lane six to leave the crowd on its feet. "It's always good to have someone directly in front of you," said Bolt of Martina, who had been in lane seven. "It helps to push you harder to get past them on the corner. But you have to

delighted the crowd by running the fastest women's 5,000 in a world-leading 14:26.90. There was a surprise in the high jump, where Russia's Olympic bronze medalist Svetlana Shkolina jumped 1.97 meters to beat Olympic and world champion Anna Chicherova into third. Emma Green-Tregaro of Sweden was second. Croatia's Blanka Vlasic could only tie for fifth as she makes her return from a long-standing Achilles injury.

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Failed Cuba-to-Florida swimmer won't try again

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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — The Australian who gave up her quest to swim from Cuba to Florida because of painful jellyfish stings said Thursday that she will not make another attempt. Chloe McCardel told The Associated Press that she had picked June because the jellyfish danger was supposed to be low. But about 11 hours and 14 miles into her expected 60-hour, 110-mile journey, she found herself in a swarm. "I had one coming out of my mouth. I was pulling it, this tentacle out of my mouth, but I don't remember this moment. My kayaker told me that I was doing this, 'cause I have no recollection. I'm not coming back. That's it," she said.

The 28-year-old from Melbourne became the latest endurance athlete undone by the strong currents and fierce jellyfish of the Florida Straits on Wednesday night, abandoning her attempt to become the first person to swim across nonstop without a shark cage. The jellyfish caught her by surprise. "I got smashed with them coming from every direction," she said. "I would not have gone to all this trouble if I had known they would be out in such numbers in June."

She was pulled out of the water and taken by one of her support vessels to Key West, where she was resting at a hotel Thursday. She said the trip back to land was excruciating. "It was two and a half hours of the worst pain, continuously, every second, of my whole entire life. It's like fireballs in every fiber," she said.



In this photo provided by the Florida Keys News Bureau, Australian endurance swimmer Chloe McCardel, left, shows painful jellyfish stings to Associated Press videographer Tony Winton Thursday, June 13, 2013, in Key West, Fla.

It was the fifth failure involving three women who have tried to make the marathon swim the past three summers. Jellyfish stings and strong currents have been the main impediments. Diana Nyad tweeted her commiseration. The endurance athlete has failed three times trying to make the same crossing and says she'd like to take another shot this summer. "It's a tough night for Chloe McCardel, a superior swimmer and an exemplary spirit," Nyad wrote. Endurance swimmer Penny Palfrey has also tried and failed to make the swim. Australian Susie Maroney successfully made the

crossing in 1997, but she did it with the benefit of a shark cage. McCardel had twice made a double crossing of the English Channel, but the most time she had spent in the water continuously was 25 hours. She attempted her Cuba to Florida swim under English Channel Marathon rules, which meant she could not touch her support boat or hold on to anything. She also wasn't allowed to wear a full-body wetsuit, which would have helped protect against jellyfish. McCardel and her team spent nine and a half months planning the trip and studying others' attempts.

The repeated failures raise the question of whether the Cuba-to-Florida swim without a cage is even doable as a 2.5 day swim is stretching the physical limits of even elite endurance athletes. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the longest open water swim without flippers was 139.8 miles (225 km) by Croatian Veljko Rogosic, who swam between two Italian cities on the Adriatic Sea from Aug. 29 to 31, 2006. Dr. Clifton Page, a sports medicine specialist at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, said he thinks the Cuba-to-Florida swim can be done, although there are sev-

eral physical obstacles to overcome. He has advised Nyad on her swims. One obstacle is hypothermia. While the water is more than 80 degrees in late spring and summer, it is still well below the body's normal temperature of 98 degrees and causes it to slowly drop. There is also malnutrition. No matter how often the swimmer stops to eat, she will never ingest enough calories to make up for those expended swimming, he said. After a while, that causes the muscles to start breaking down. Then there is dehydration, he said. Even though swimmers don't feel it, they sweat just like any other athlete, while the saltwater acts like a wick, drawing even more water out of the body. Finally, there is sleep deprivation -- exercising that hard for days without sleep can result in hallucinations. "The variable is the jellyfish," Page said. He said their bites are very painful and potentially fatal if not treated. "Chloe would have gotten a lot further into her swim if she hadn't been bit."

Adding to the swimmer's strain are the Florida Strait's currents. Villy Kourafalou, a University of Miami oceanography professor, said that the swim from Cuba to the Keys "is very challenging as the currents are not only very strong but also extremely variable."

But, she said, modern computer models that utilize information from satellites, buoys and ships allow the swimmer's support team to better predict the currents and help the members decide the best time to start the swim, the best route to take and then make adjustments along the way. □



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Survey: Many Americans say 'Big Brother' is here

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's little wonder why George Orwell's novel "1984" is seeing a resurgence in sales. More than half of Americans polled in a survey released Thursday said they agreed with the statement "We are really in the era of Big Brother."

The survey from the University of Southern California was conducted last year, before recent revelations of large-scale, secret government surveillance programs. Yet it still found that some 35 percent of respondents agreed that "There is no privacy, get over it."

A growing number of Internet users said they are concerned about the government checking on their online activities, according to the survey. But even more people were worried about businesses doing the same.

The USC Annenberg School's Center for the Digital Future has polled more than 2,000 U.S. households about their Internet and technology use each year, with the exception of 2011, since 1999.

Forty-three percent of Internet users said they are concerned about the government checking what they do online, up from 38 percent in 2010. But 57 percent said they were worried about private companies doing the same thing — up from 48 percent in the earlier study.

A 2012 survey by the Pew Research Center found that almost three-quarters of Americans are concerned that businesses are collecting too much information about people like them, while 64 percent had the same worry about the government.

In addition to their views on

privacy, the most recent report also found that 86 percent of Americans are online, up from 82 percent in 2010. That's the highest level in the study's history and further evidence of how central the Internet has become in American's lives, especially in the age of mobile devices.

"We find that people almost never lose their mobile phone," said Jeff Cole, author of the study and director of the center. "They can drop it in the gutter, have it stolen but leave it on the table at a restaurant — most of us don't even get through the front door before noticing it."

More than half of the Internet users surveyed said they go online using a mobile device, up from a third who said the same thing in 2010. As expected, texting is becoming increasingly important for people of all ages — 82 percent of mobile phone users text, up from 62 percent in 2010 and 31 percent in 2007.

Among other key findings: — Thirty percent of parents said they don't monitor what their children do on social networking sites such as Facebook, while 70 percent said that they do.

— Nearly half of parents, 46 percent, said that they have their kids' passwords so they can access their account.

— People spent more time online than in any previous year of the study. On average, they were online 20.4 hours per week, up from 18.3 hours in 2010 and about nine hours in 2000.

— One percent of respondents said they visit websites with sexual content "several times a day," while 69 percent said they never do.

— Dial-up is going the way of the dodo: 83 percent

said they access the Internet using a broadband connection, up from 10 percent in 2000.

— The line between work and home life is blurring. Nearly a quarter of Internet users said they "often" use the Internet at home for work-related purposes. Conversely, 18 percent said they "often" go online at work for non-work related activities. The study did not say whether these were the same people.

The 2012 poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percentage points. And about that "1984" sales surge — the book has been steadily climbing up Amazon's list of "movers and shakers" books, the online list of the biggest sales gainers over the pre-



Supporters hold signs and a picture of Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who leaked top-secret information about U.S. surveillance programs, outside the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong Thursday, June 13, 2013.

Associated Press

vious 24 hours. As of Thursday afternoon, the 60th anniversary edition of the

classic was No. 6 on the list, with sales up threefold in the previous day. □

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US stock market moves sharply higher

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Good news about hiring and retail sales helped send the U.S. stock market sharply higher Thursday.

For investors, the pair of government reports offered more encouragement that the U.S. economic recovery will continue, even as Europe and Japan struggle. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 23.84 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,636.36.

The gains were broad. All 10 industry groups within the S&P 500 rose, led by retailers and other consumer-discretionary companies. Newspaper publisher Gannet soared 34 percent, the most in the S&P 500, on news that it would buy another media company, Belo. "The underlying fundamentals of our economy are clearly doing much better," said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial in Waltham, Massachusetts.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 180.85 points, or 1.2 percent, to 15,176.08. The Nasdaq composite rose 44.93 points, or 1.2 percent, to 3,445.36. The S&P 500 rose 23.34, or 1.5 percent, to 1,636.36.

Markets have turned turbulent over the past three weeks. The S&P 500 climbed 17 percent from the start of the year and hit an all-time on May 21. The index began sliding the next day when the Federal Reserve said it would consider pulling back its support for the economy this year.

It's been a bumpy ride lower. The index has been as high as 1,669 and as low as 1,608 over the past three weeks, a wide trading range of 3.6 percent.

Investors have been debating when the Fed will begin slowing its bond purchases, and they've been worrying about the results. They could get a better sense next Wednesday, when the bank releases its policy statement and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke holds another press conference. "A lot of investors are worried about the Fed," said Bob Baur, chief global economist at Principal

the government said the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell to 334,000, below what economists had expected. Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, wrote in a note to clients that the government's weekly numbers, while volatile, "continue to signal an improving labor market."

The government also reported that U.S. retail sales

he thinks, which is why investors are nervous about what will happen when the central bank starts buying fewer bonds every month. "What the markets are seeing is the economic engines are not being primed," Bayer said. "The fear is of the stimulus going away and exposing an economy that is not really chugging along. It's the big risk." In the U.S. government bond market, the yield on



Traders Joel Lucchese, left, and Brandon Barb confer on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Good news about hiring and retail sales helped send the U.S. stock market sharply higher Thursday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Global Investors in Des Moines, Iowa. "That's going to create a bumpy market at least until they get some clarity on that. But we really think the U.S. is in pretty good shape."

Baur thinks the U.S. economic recovery will pick up speed later this year, which could help push corporate earnings and the stock market higher.

The latest positive news came early Thursday when

increased 0.6 percent in May from April. That's up from a 0.1 percent gain in April and the fastest pace since February.

Some investors, like Anton Bayer, CEO of Up Capital Management in Granite Bay, California, believe that financial markets will falter when the Fed and other central banks pump less money into the system. The Fed has artificially propped up the economy,

the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.14 percent from 2.23 percent late Wednesday.

In Japan, the benchmark Nikkei 225 index slumped 6.4 percent as doubts grew that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic turnaround plan will succeed. The Japanese market is down 20 percent from a recent high reached May 22, the definition of a bear market. □

Coty IPO falls in NYSE debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of beauty products company Coty dropped in their first day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company, known for its celebrity fragrances and OPI nail polish, fell 19 cents to \$17.31 in afternoon trading after falling as low as \$16.90 earlier.

Coty Inc.'s initial public offering of about 57.1 million shares raised nearly \$1 billion for some of its stockholders. This makes it the third-largest IPO for the year to date, based on proceeds, according to Renaissance Capital.

The offering priced at \$17.50, the midpoint of its projected range of \$16.50 to \$18.50 per share.

Coty won't receive any proceeds from the offering.

The underwriters have a 30-day option to buy an additional 8.6 million shares.

Scott Sweet, senior managing partner at IPO Boutique.com, said in a phone interview that Coty's first day of trading has been disappointing and surprising so far given the high level of brand awareness that the company has.

Sweet said that the amount of flipping — when someone buys and sells a stock quickly — seems to be very high.

"You have a lot of renters in the stock, not a whole lot of buyers," he said.

Sweet said that the broader market may be playing a role in the stock's activity. The U.S. stock market wavered in early trading on Thursday before rising by early afternoon. This follows three days of losses.

Coty, founded in Paris in 1904, has managed to successfully broaden its business to cover an array of personal health and beauty needs. While some consumers may not know of the company itself, they more than likely have used some of its brands, which include Rimmel, Sally Hansen and philosophy.

For its fiscal year ended June 30, Coty posted a loss of \$324.4 million on \$4.61 billion in revenue. □

RBS shares drop following CEO departure

LONDON (AP) — Royal Bank of Scotland's share price fell amid uncertainty about the future following the announcement that chief executive Stephen Hester was leaving by year's end. Shares in the bank bailed

out by the British taxpayer dropped 3.3 percent Thursday to close at 315 pence. At one point, the stock was as low as 299 pence.

The volatile day came as the bank said it would trim 2,000 jobs through 2014 as

part of changes in its markets business.

Nic Clarke, a banking analyst at Charles Stanley, says Hester's departure was a "damaging development."

It comes amid speculation

that the government wanted a new leader to usher in the bank's return to the private sector. Clark says Hester's departure smashes any lingering pretense that RBS is being run at "arm's length." □

Soybeans slump as traders expect more planting

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Soybean prices fell Thursday, as traders expect planting to proceed with more favorable weather in the Midwest. Farmers have been stymied this spring by cold, wet weather that has forced delays in planting soybeans, said Todd Hultman, a grain analyst at DTN, a provider of agricultural markets news and information based in Omaha, Neb. With more dry weather on the horizon, traders are anticipating that the delays won't be as bad as previously forecast. The Department of Agriculture also reported weekly export sales of soybeans Thursday that were weaker than expected, Hultman said. "The overall concern with soybeans is there's been a challenge to planting this year," Hultman said. "We've had a long, cold and wet spring. ... In spite of all the rain, the market is concerned producers will find a way to get those acres planted this year. That's having a bearish impact today."

July soybeans fell 30.5 cents, or 2 percent, to \$15.1025 a bushel. July corn fell 7.25 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$6.435 a bushel. July wheat edged up 2.5 cents, 0.4 percent, to \$6.855 a bushel.

Metals prices fell. August gold fell \$14.20, or 1 percent, to \$1,377.80 an ounce. July silver fell 21.3 cents to \$21.583 an ounce. July copper fell 4.05 cents to \$3.185 a pound. July platinum fell \$35.20 to \$1,447.10 an ounce and September palladium fell \$26 to \$731.05 an ounce.

Energy prices rose. Oil for July delivery gained 81 cents to close at \$96.69 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline added 5 cents to finish at \$2.86 a gallon, heating oil gained 4 cents to end at \$2.94 per gallon and natural gas rose 4 cents to finish at \$3.81 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

US retail sales jump 0.6% in May on autos



Jani McAllister browses through a sales rack outside Festivity, a boutique in Virginia Highlands, in Atlanta. Americans stepped up spending at retail businesses in May at the best pace in three months, fueled by more car purchases. The gain shows consumers remain resilient despite higher taxes and could drive faster growth later this year.

(AP Photo/Jaime Henry-White)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Americans stepped up purchases at retail businesses in May, spending more on cars, home improvements and sporting goods. The gain shows consumers remain resilient despite higher taxes and could drive faster growth later this year. The Commerce Department said Thursday that retail sales increased 0.6 percent in May from April.

That's up from a 0.1 percent gain the previous month and the fastest pace since February.

The April gain was led by a 1.8 percent jump in auto sales, the biggest increase in six months. Excluding volatile autos, gas and building supplies, core retail sales rose 0.3 percent. That's slightly higher than the 0.2 percent April increase.

Sales increased at hardware and general mer-

chandise stores, but fell at furniture and appliance stores.

Separately, the Labor Department said the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits dropped 12,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 334,000. The decline suggests steady job gains will endure. The retail sales report is the government's first look each month at consumer spending, which drives 70 percent of eco-

nomic activity.

Solid job growth and rising home prices have helped offset an increase this year in Social Security taxes, which has lowered take-home pay for most Americans.

Consumer spending from January through March grew at the fastest pace in more than two years. That helped the economy expand at a solid annual rate of 2.4 percent. Most economists predict that growth is slowing in the April-June quarter to an annual rate of 2 percent or less. But many say growth will likely pick up in the second half of the year.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the May increase in retail spending was stronger than anticipated. Lower gas prices may have helped, he noted.

Even with the gain, he believes consumer spending is slowing from the first quarter's 3.4 percent annual pace, down to around 2.5 percent or less in the current quarter.

"Households may ... be getting over the tax hikes and spending some of the savings from the recent fall in gasoline prices," Dales said.

There are signs that spending could continue to rise. □

Gannett to buy TV station owner Belo for \$1.5B

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — Gannett said it reached a deal to buy TV station owner Belo for about \$1.5 billion in cash, significantly boosting its presence in broadcasting. Under the agreement announced Thursday, Gannett will pay \$13.75 per share for the TV station operator, which is based in Dallas. That represents a 28 percent premium over Belo's closing price on Wednesday.

Gannett, the largest U.S. newspaper publisher by circulation, also will assume \$715 million in debt. Gannett owns USA Today and other newspapers as well as television stations. Shares of both companies



The sign for Gannett headquarters is displayed in McLean, Va. Gannett said Thursday, June 13, 2013, it reached a deal to buy TV station owner Belo for about \$1.5 billion in cash, significantly boosting its presence in broadcasting.

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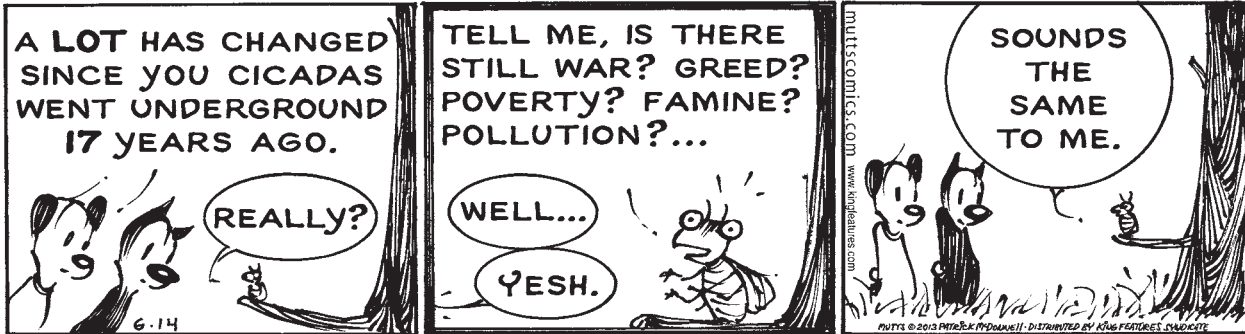
soared to their highest prices since 2008. In morning trading, Belo Corp.'s shares jumped \$2.92, or 27 percent, to \$13.65, after peaking at \$13.69 shortly after

the market opened. Gannett Co.'s stock rose \$4.88, or 25 percent, to \$24.73 after peaking at \$25.69.

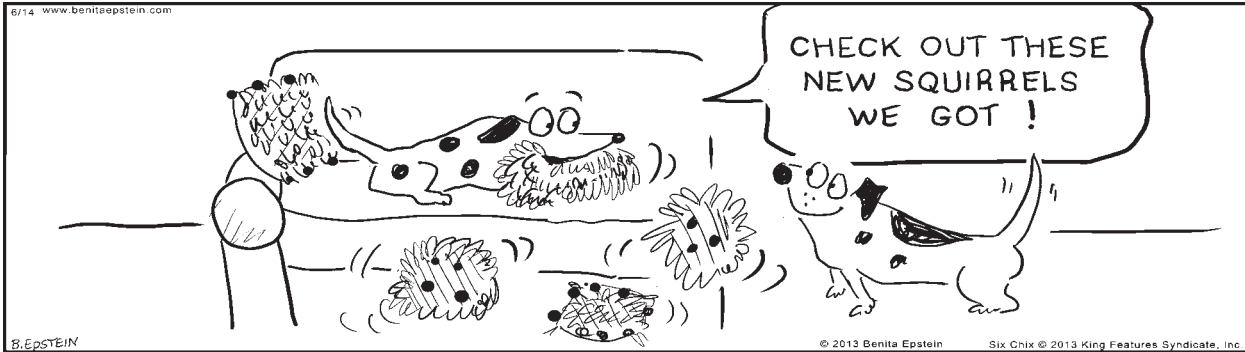
Gannett President and CEO Gracia Martore called

the acquisition an "important step" in Gannett's diversification and said it will significantly improve the company's cash flow and financial strength. □

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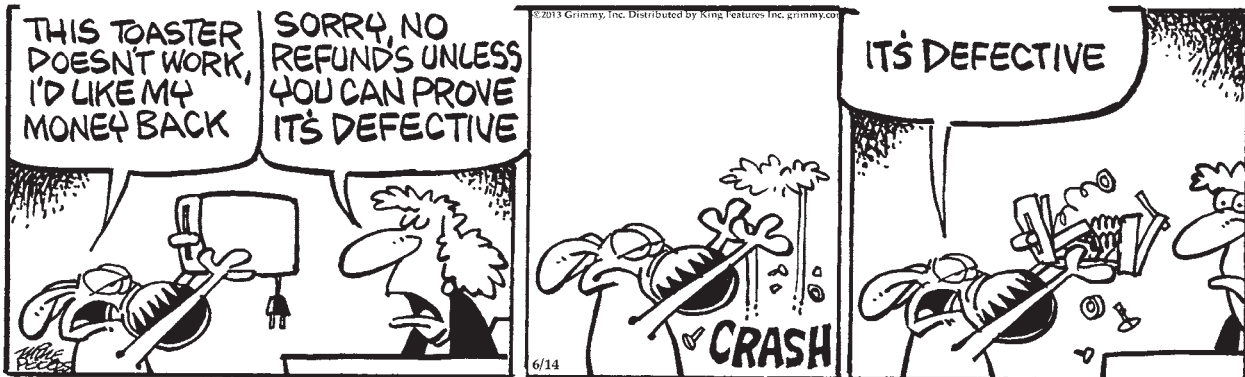
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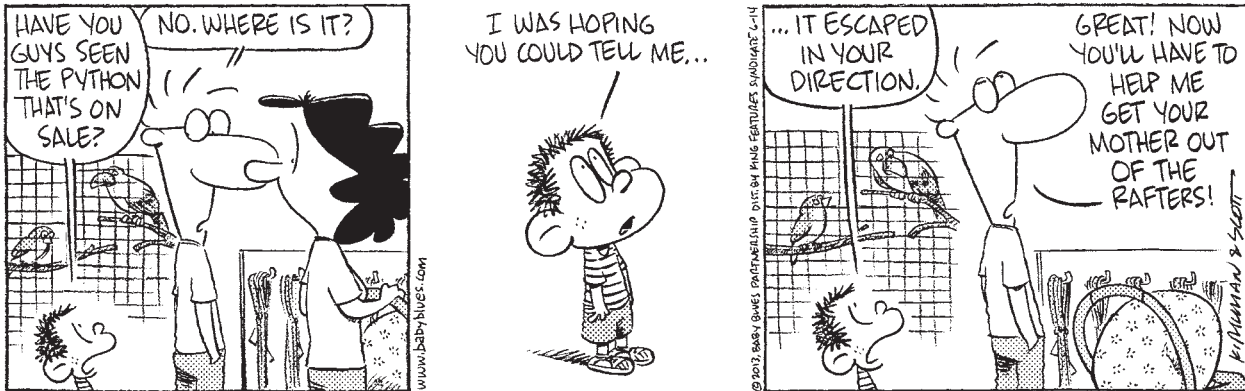
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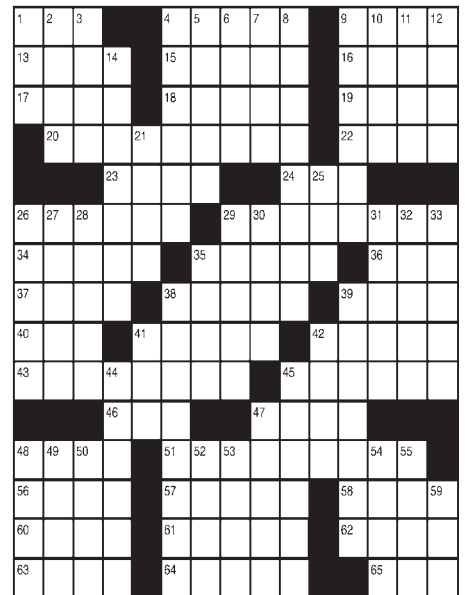
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Ice cream parlor order
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- Pay attention
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- Painting and sculpturing
- Woodwind
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- Evil; perverted
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- Batman's sidekick
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- Filled with wonderment
- Cuban dance
- Turn over
- Curved edge
- Author Verne
- Hollandaise or Tabasco
- Diminished
- Merriment
- "If ___ all the same to you..."
- Dirt
- Stylish
- Horrible
- Danger
- Out of this ___; extraordinary
- Shipshape
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- Storm or Sayers
- Has-___; one no longer popular
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Q&A:

Parker, Stone talk 'South Park' game at E3

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Trey Parker and Matt Stone have killed Kenny hundreds of times on "South Park," but the video game based on their popular Comedy Central animated series is still very much alive.

After being delayed for months, Ubisoft revealed Monday during its Electronic Entertainment Expo presentation that "South Park: The Stick of Truth" will be released this holiday season for current-generation PC and consoles. The game's fate was up in the air when original publisher THQ Inc. sold off its assets earlier this year after filing for bankruptcy.

While at the Ubisoft booth Wednesday on the E3 show floor, the creators of the Broadway hit musical "The Book of Mormon" were lighthearted about the game's road to release.

AP: How does it feel to be on the E3 show floor?

Parker: It's funny. We're walking around seeing all this stuff, and then we saw this big ('South Park' sign) and we're like, 'Oh, crap.' It's the same feeling I had when we walked around the corner and saw 'Book of Mormon' up on Broadway. It's like, 'Oh, we're doing this. OK. We better go get to work.'

AP: When is the game coming out now?

Parker: It's starting to look like in the next 10 years it's going to come out. We've been working on it for 26 years now.

AP: How are you bringing your sensibilities to the game?

Stone: The original concept of the game is that it looks like you're in a 'South Park' episode. It's funny that it took all this high technology to make it look like the show. It is just the show. It's not a 3-D version or a new look of the show. It just

looks like you're in 'South Park.' That's been a little tough to pull off with the perspective, being a 2-D show, but that part of it is working really well. The other part of it is we have the map of the town for the first

Parker: I always loved role-playing games, so I wanted it to feel like you were the new kid in the town. That's what we talked about from



Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker at the the Ubisoft booth to discuss "South Park: The Stick of Truth" at E3 in Los Angeles.
(AP Photo/Ubisoft, Alexandra Wyman)

time. You can actually run around South Park, and we actually figured out where all the buildings are in relation to each other. We had never done that before.

AP: You frequently make fun of video games on "South Park," but now we're making one. How's that working?

Stone: We like video games a lot, and the kids in 'South

the beginning. Conceptually, we need a new character in town, and it's you. You're the new boy. The dynamics of how you fit in. Are you Cartman's best friend? Are you Kyle's best friend? We knew, from our end, we could do all the writing of that and make it cool.

AP: Did you get a chance to check out the Xbox One or PlayStation 4? What did you think?

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Cheetah's acceleration power key to their success

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone knows cheetahs are blazingly fast. Now new research illustrates how their acceleration and nimble zigzagging leave other animals in the dust and scientists in awe. Researchers first determined that cheetahs can run twice as fast as Olympian Usain Bolt on a straight-away. Then they measured the energy a cheetah muscle produces compared to body size and calculated the same for Bolt, the sprinter. They found the cheetah had four times the crucial kick power of the Olympian. That power to rapidly accelerate — not just speed alone — is the key to the cheetah's hunting success, said study lead author, Alan Wilson. He's professor of locomotive biomechanics at the Royal Veterinary College at the University of London.



This undated handout photo provided by Nature shows a wild cheetah wearing a Royal veterinary college collar in Northern Botswana.

Associated Press

"Capturing prey seems to come down to maneuvering," he said. "It's all the zigzagging, ducking and diving." Wilson and colleagues put specialized tracking collars

on five of these animals in Botswana, Africa. They clocked cheetahs topping out at 58 mph (93 kph) — slightly less than the 65 mph (104 kph) measured for a cheetah once in 1965.

Wilson said most hunts were done at more moderate speeds of 30 mph (48 kph), but with amazing starts, stops and turns. The way cheetahs pivoted and turned while sprint-

ing was amazing, he said. A cheetah can bank at a 50-degree angle in a high-speed turn, while a motorcycle can do maybe 45 degrees, Wilson said. "If you are trying to catch something, the faster you go, the harder it is to turn," he said. David Carrier, a University of Utah biology professor who wasn't part of the study, said one of the amazing things about the research is that it focuses on an ability of cheetahs that many people overlook. They are too fixated on the sheer speed of this fastest animal on the planet, he said. Almost as important, Carrier said, was the new tracking method — using existing technology in new ways. "Technically this is a big step forward," he said. "These guys have completely changed the standard for how we monitor locomotive performance in the field." □



European Commissioner for Energy Guenther Oettinger addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Thursday, June 13, 2013.

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Commission proposed tougher nuclear safety rules Thursday,

amid international debate about the future of nuclear energy and how to secure aging plants.

EU presents post-Fukushima nuclear safety rules

Stress tests on European nuclear plants prompted by the 2011 disaster at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant showed that almost all of them needed safety improvements.

A report on those tests called for more consistency across the 27-nation EU in assessing and managing nuclear safety threats.

EU nuclear plants already undergo regular tests, but the proposed new rules would strengthen that. They include EU-wide safety reviews every six years, and the threat that the EU would send in inspectors if countries don't do enough to ensure nuclear safety.

It would also include a system of peer reviews, allowing national governments to verify their neighbors' atomic plants.

Another new rule would require emergency response centers on the site of nu-

clear plants that would be protected against radioactivity, earthquakes and flooding.

The rules would need approval by the individual member states before coming into effect, not before next year.

Critics called the plan too modest; EU Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger called it "realistic."

France — which is the world's most nuclear energy-dependent country, with 58 reactors providing the majority of the country's electricity — has been resistant to some of the new rules, arguing that its own rules are tough enough.

Environmental group Greenpeace said the new rules do not do enough to address potential terrorist threats,

or to increase the powers of nuclear regulators, which have been accused in the

past of being too close to nuclear industry players.

Several European countries are rethinking their reliance on nuclear energy since the Fukushima accident.

Oettinger sought to stay out of that debate, saying in a statement,

"It's up to member states to decide if they want to produce nuclear energy or not.

The fact remains that there are 132 nuclear reactors in operation in Europe today. Our task at the Commission is to make sure that safety is given the utmost priority in every single one of them."

After last year's stress tests to gauge nuclear reactors' ability to withstand accidents and natural disaster, the commission said the costs of needed improvements to EU reactors could run as high as 25 billion euros (\$32 billion) over the coming years. □



In this Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, file photo, Rupert Murdoch and his wife Wendi arrive at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Rupert Murdoch files for divorce from Wendi Deng

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch has filed for divorce from Wendi Deng Murdoch, his wife since 1999.

Murdoch filed a one-page document Thursday indicating that he was opening a divorce case in New York State Supreme Court in Manhattan.

A News Corp. spokesperson confirmed the filing.

The couple is parents to two daughters, who have no voting stake in the company. The children are beneficiaries of non-voting shares that are held in a trust. Murdoch controls 40 percent of the voting shares of News Corp. through a separate family trust. Murdoch has four other children from two previous marriages, including three who have active roles within the company. □

The Replacements to reunite for at least three shows

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Twenty-two years after breaking up, The Replacements are reuniting for at least three shows.

The celebrated 1980s alt-rockers say they'll play at Riot Fest in Toronto, Chicago and Denver. Exact dates haven't been announced, but Riot Fest runs Aug. 24-25 in Toronto, Sept. 13-15 in Chicago and Sept. 21-22 in Denver.

The Replacements haven't played a show since July 4, 1991, in Chicago. Frontman Paul Westerberg and bassist Tommy Stinson got together this year to record the EP "Songs for Slim" to benefit Replacements guitarist Slim Dunlap, who suffered a debilitating stroke last year.

Known for their boozy, ragged live shows, The Replacements began recording for Twin Cities-based Twin/Tone Records in the early 1980s and eventually signed with major label Sire Records.

While the band never had a big hit, "I'll Be You" and "Merry Go Round" got radio play and albums such as 1984's "Let It Be," named by Rolling Stone magazine No. 15 of the 100 best albums of the '80s, were critical favorites.

Westerberg's songs alternated between post-punk bash and yearning ballads. He eventually went solo, did one-man, home-recorded music projects and provided music for the 2006 animated feature

Ethan Hawke to play 'Macbeth' on Broadway



This June 3, 2013 photo shows actor Ethan Hawke at the 2013 CFDA Fashion Awards at Alice Tully Hall in New York.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ethan Hawke is returning to Broadway to play the title role in "Macbeth."

The Shakespeare tragedy will mark a reunion for

Hawke with director Jack O'Brien at Lincoln Center Theater, where he starred in "Henry IV" and "The Coast of Utopia," for which he was nominated for a Tony Award.

Hawke is starring in the horror film "The Purge" and the romantic drama "Before Midnight," the third film in a series with "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset."

"Macbeth" had its latest incarnation on Broadway in a one-man show by Alan Cumming.

Performances of Hawke's "Macbeth" begin Oct. 24. □

Toby Keith, Garth Brooks plan tornado relief concert



In this Oct. 30, 2012, file photo Toby Keith performs at the 60th Annual BMI Country Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

NORMAN, Oklahoma (AP) — Another star-studded country music concert is planned to benefit victims of the deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma last month. Toby Keith announced Thursday that his Oklahoma Twister Relief Concert will be held July 6 at the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman. Joining Keith is fellow

Oklahoman Garth Brooks and his wife, Trisha Yearwood. Other performers include Willie Nelson and Ronnie Dunn.

Organizers say the \$25 tickets will go on sale June 21. Keith is a native of Moore, where 24 people were killed in an EF5 tornado on May 20. Brooks, who lives in Owasso, says he's honored to participate in the concert. □

Swift not worried about connecting with fans

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NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift shares her feelings and personal experiences on her hit records, but the 23-year-old Grammy winner isn't worried about losing intimacy with her fans on a stadium tour.

"I find that you have to emote a little bigger, but you can reach all the way up to the top," she said. "Eye contact is important, even if it's from 500 yards away."

Swift said she's never worried about the sound being lost in a massive space. With a few shows already under her belt, she feels they've gone pretty well.

"Everyone who comes to these shows seems so engaged," she said. "They come to the show. They know the words. I'm singing the words. We're singing them at the same time, and therein lies the connection. It goes beyond

what size the venue is."

She recently embarked on her RED tour of North America. Later this fall, she'll perform in Australia and New Zealand.

Swift, who writes her own songs, has sold more than 75 million albums. She recently appeared on the Fox sitcom "New Girl." And while she likes acting, she has no plans to put aside her guitar and pen — unless something really impresses her. "I love to write music. And I love to put an album together and take two years to do it and put everything I have into it. (Except) if there was something, some script that came along that was so enticing that I couldn't walk away from it, that I became obsessed with that the way I obsess over music," she said. "If you see me commit to a film, it's only because I couldn't focus on anything else."

Swift was honored as Fra-



This June 12, 2013 photo released by Starpix shows singer Taylor Swift at The Fragrance Foundation Awards at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in New York.

Associated Press

grance Celebrity of the Year at the Fragrance Awards, presented Wednesday night at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center. "Getting this award is such an honor," she said on the red carpet before the event. □

The devil in the details of 'Revenge Wears Prada'

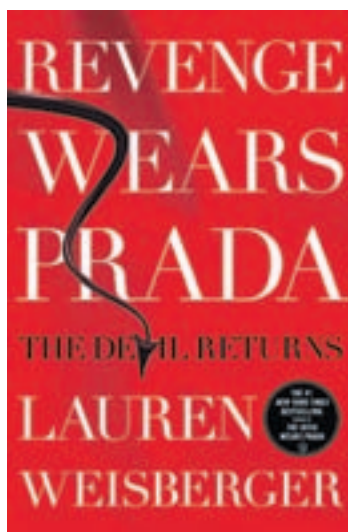
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Who said fashion is all about the next new thing? Author Lauren Weisberger revisits her over-the-top characters from "The Devil Wears Prada," including top magazine editor and ice queen Miranda Priestly, 10 years later in her latest novel, "Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns." It turns out, other than a few fleeting trends that clearly define the setting as 2013, things haven't changed all that much.

Miranda, widely rumored to be based on Vogue's Anna Wintour, for whom Weisberger once worked, isn't really the main character, although she is the most fun to read about. The story belongs to Andy Sachs — or Ahn-dre-ah — as Miranda likes to call her. Andy quit Runway magazine at the end of the last

book, taking pleasure in leaving Miranda high and dry in Paris without an assistant. Miranda isn't kind to those who work for her, and her cold, calculating and cruel ways have haunted Andy for a decade. The story opens with a literal nightmare about Andy not delivering Miranda's lunch on time. Andy often calls her "inhumane." But Miranda also is unpredictable: She trades her trim Prada dresses and Chanel suits for a maxi dress at one point! That's jaw-dropping. Seriously. The primary driver of the plot is that Miranda wants to buy the wedding magazine created by Andy and her friend Emily, also a formerly tortured Runway employee. For Miranda to make small talk with these women — and even invite them into her home — in an attempt to court them to sell her



This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns," by Lauren Weisberger.

Associated Press

an idea that she couldn't take credit for is practically mind-boggling. Of course it doesn't take her long to revert back to her normal self, but it's fun to see her try so hard to be civil and gracious, and especially to see her flirt with tennis star Rafael Nadal. (Wintour is a famous fan of tennis and its top players.) □



In this Feb. 11, 2012 file photo, Sarah Palin, the GOP candidate for vice-president in 2008, and former Alaska governor, delivers the keynote address to activists from America's political right at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington.

Associated Press

Sarah Palin back at Fox News

NEW YORK (AP) — Sarah Palin is rejoining Fox News Channel.

The network said Thursday that the former Republican vice presidential candidate has signed on as a contributor to Fox and the Fox Business Network. Her first appearance is scheduled for Monday on the "Fox & Friends" morning show — on the same day CNN is premiering a morning show to great fanfare.

Fox and Palin parted ways in January after she had worked there for three years as a contributor. They had talked about renewing their contract, but it didn't happen.

Money may have been a factor: Palin was signed for a reported \$1 million a year when she originally joined Fox less than two years after being John McCain's running mate. □

'Happy Birthday to You' copyright suit filed in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — A production company making a documentary about the song "Happy Birthday to You" has filed a lawsuit in New York over the copyright to it.

Good Morning To You Productions Corp. says in Thursday's federal court filing Warner/Chappell Music Inc. has been collecting "Happy Birthday to You" licensing fees for years. Warner/Chappell claims exclusive copyright to what Guinness World Records has called the most famous song in the English language.

But the film company disputes the copyright, saying the song is "dedicated to public use and in the public domain." It asks the court to count thousands of people and groups who've paid Warner/Chappell Music licensing fees totaling more than \$5 million as part of a class action and to make the song free to use.

Los Angeles-based Warner/Chappell hasn't responded to a request for comment. □

The Solitary Leaker



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From what we know so far, Edward Snowden appears to be the ultimate unmediated man. Though obviously terrifically bright, he could not successfully work his way through the institution of high school. Then he failed to navigate his way through community college. According to The Washington Post, he has not been a regular presence around his mother's house for years. When a neighbor in Hawaii tried to introduce himself, Snowden cut him off and made it clear he wanted no neighborly relationships. He went to work for Booz Allen Hamilton and the CIA, but he has separated himself from them, too. Though thoughtful, morally engaged and deeply committed to his beliefs, he appears to be a product of one of the more unfortunate trends of the age: the atomization of society, the loosening of social bonds, the apparently growing share of young men in their 20s who are living technological existences in the fuzzy land between their childhood institutions and adult family commitments. If you live a life unshaped by the mediating institutions of civil society, perhaps it makes sense to see the world a certain way: Life is not embedded in a series of gently graded authoritative structures: family, neighborhood, religious group, state, nation and world. Instead, it's just the solitary naked individual and the gigantic and menacing state.

This lens makes you more likely to share the distinct strands of libertarianism that are blossoming in this fragmenting age: the deep suspicion of authority, the strong belief that hierarchies and organizations are suspect, the fervent devotion to transparency, the assumption that individual preference should be supreme. You're more likely to donate to the Ron Paul for president campaign, as Snowden did.

It's logical, given this background and mindset, that Snowden would sacrifice his career to expose data mining procedures of the National Security Agency. Even if he has not been able to point to any specific abuses, he was bound to be horrified by the confidentiality endemic to military and intelligence activities. And, of course, he's right that the procedures he's unveiled could lend themselves to abuse in the future.

But Big Brother is not the only danger facing the country. Another is the rising tide of distrust,

the corrosive spread of cynicism, the fraying of the social fabric and the rise of people who are so individualistic in their outlook that they have no real understanding of how to knit others together and look after the common good.

This is not a danger Snowden is addressing. In fact, he is making everything worse.

For society to function well, there have to be basic levels of trust and cooperation, a respect for institutions and deference to common procedures. By deciding to unilaterally leak secret NSA documents, Snowden has betrayed all of these things. He betrayed honesty and integrity, the foundation of all cooperative activity. He made explicit and implicit oaths to respect the secrecy of the information with which he was entrusted. He betrayed his oaths. He betrayed his friends. Anybody who worked with him will be suspect. Young people in positions like that will no longer be trusted with responsibility for fear that they will turn into another Snowden.

He betrayed his employers. Booz Allen and the CIA took a high-school dropout and offered him positions with lavish salaries. He is violating the honor codes of all those who enabled him to rise.

He betrayed the cause of open government. Every time there is a leak like this, the powers that be close the circle of trust a little tighter. They limit debate a little more. He betrayed the privacy of us all. If federal security agencies can't do vast data sweeps, they will inevitably revert to the older, more intrusive eavesdropping methods. He betrayed the Constitution. The founders did not create the United States so that some solitary 29-year-old could make unilateral decisions about what should be exposed. Snowden self-indulgently short-circuited the democratic structures of accountability, putting his own preferences above everything else. Snowden faced a moral dilemma. On the one hand, he had information about a program he thought was truly menacing. On the other hand, he had made certain commitments as a public servant, as a member of an organization, and a nation. Sometimes leakers have to leak. The information they possess is so grave that it demands they violate their oaths.

But before they do, you hope they will interrogate themselves closely and force themselves to confront various barriers of resistance. Is the information so grave that it's worth betraying an oath, circumventing the established decision-making procedures, unilaterally exposing secrets that can never be reclassified.

Judging by his comments reported in the news media so far, Snowden was obsessed with the danger of data mining but completely oblivious to his betrayals and toward the damage he has done to social arrangements and the invisible bonds that hold them together. □



The Big Shrug



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I've been in this economics business for a while. In fact, I've been in it so long I still remember what people considered normal in those long-ago days before the financial crisis. Normal, back then, meant an economy adding a million or more jobs each year, enough to keep up with the growth in the working-age population. Normal meant an unemployment rate not much above 5 percent, except for brief recessions. And while there was always some unemployment, normal meant very few people out of work for extended periods. So how, in those long-ago days, would we have reacted to Friday's news that the number of Americans with jobs is still down 2 million from six years ago, that 7.6 percent of the workforce is unemployed (with many more underemployed or forced to take low-paying jobs), and that more than 4 million of the unemployed have been out of work for more than six months? Well, we know how most political insiders reacted: They called it a pretty good jobs report. In fact, some are even celebrating the report as "proof" that the budget sequester isn't doing any harm.

In other words, our policy discourse is still a long way from where it ought to be. For more than three years some of us have fought the policy elite's damaging obsession with budget deficits, an obsession that led gov-

ernments to cut investment when they should have been raising it, to destroy jobs when job creation should have been their priority. That fight seems largely won - in fact, I don't think I've ever seen anything quite like the sudden intellectual collapse of austerity economics as a policy doctrine. But while insiders no longer seem determined to worry about the wrong things, that's not enough; they also need to start worrying about the right things - namely, the plight of the jobless and the immense continuing waste from a depressed economy. And that's not happening. Instead, policymakers both here and in Europe seem gripped by a combination of complacency and fatalism, a sense that nothing need be done and nothing can be done. Call it the big shrug.

Even the people I consider the good guys, policymakers who have in the past shown real concern over our economic weakness, aren't showing much sense of urgency these days. For example, last fall some of us were greatly encouraged by the Federal Reserve's announcement that it was instituting new measures to bolster the economy. Policy specifics aside, the Fed seemed to be signaling its willingness to do whatever it took to get unemployment down. Lately, however, what one mostly hears from the Fed is talk of "tapering," of letting up on its efforts, even though inflation is below target, the employment situation is still terrible and the pace of improvement is glacial at best.

And Fed officials are, as I said, the good guys. Sometimes it seems as if nobody in Washington outside the Fed even considers high unemployment a problem. Why isn't reducing unemployment a major policy priority? One answer may be that inertia is a powerful force, and it's hard

to get policy changes absent the threat of disaster. As long as we're adding jobs, not losing them, and unemployment is basically stable or falling, not rising, policymakers don't feel any urgent need to act. Another answer is that the unemployed don't have much of a political voice. Profits are sky-high, stocks are up, so things are OK for the people who matter, right? A third answer is that while we aren't hearing so much these days from the self-styled deficit hawks, the monetary hawks - economists, politicians and officials who keep warning that low interest rates will have dire consequences - have, if anything, gotten even more vociferous. It doesn't seem to matter that the monetary hawks, like the fiscal hawks, have an impressive record of being wrong about everything (where's that runaway inflation they promised?). They just keep coming back; the arguments change (now they're warning about asset bubbles), but the policy demand - tighter money and higher interest rates - is always the same. And it's hard to escape the sense that the Fed is being intimidated into inaction. The tragedy is that it's all unnecessary. Yes, you hear talk about a "new normal" of much higher unemployment, but all the reasons given for this alleged new normal, such as the supposed mismatch between workers' skills and the demands of the modern economy, fall apart when subjected to careful scrutiny. If Washington would reverse its destructive budget cuts, if the Fed would show the "Rooseveltian resolve" that Ben Bernanke demanded of Japanese officials back when he was an independent economist, we would quickly discover that there's nothing normal or necessary about mass long-term unemployment. □

Two weeks in, bike-share program is hitting snags

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NEW YORK - Judged by the numbers, New York City's fledgling bike-share program might be viewed as a rousing success.

After two weeks, more than 170,000 trips have been taken. Annual memberships have exceeded 36,000. No serious injuries have been reported.

But the Bloomberg administration has refused to quantify, or even elaborate on, the rash of problems plaguing its system, which has had technical errors of a magnitude never experienced by bike-share programs in other major U.S. cities.

Many docking stations have proved temperamental, refusing to accept bikes or process credit card information. Others have at times shut down altogether. On some occasions, passers-by have been able to pull a bike from a station without paying, probably because the last user was unable to lock it back in place. Some riders have grown weary of testing individual bike docks in search of one that works, and pedaled off to another station before the system eventually allowed them to end their trip.

And when these riders have called to complain, they have been put on hold for 45 minutes or more. In a city where first impressions can quickly harden into lasting judgments, the setbacks threaten to sully what has been billed as a legacy-making transportation policy of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's - leaving even the scheme's most vocal proponents alarmed by how the program's software seems ill-prepared to handle public demand.

"I think it's the best thing that's happened to the city in a long time," said Abe Stanway, 23, a data engineer from Fort Greene, Brooklyn. "But it hasn't proven itself to be reliable if I really need to be on time."

After his latest problem with faulty docks in the

Dumbo neighborhood of Brooklyn on Monday morning, Stanway said he had decided to commute by private bike again for the foreseeable future.

The city's Transportation Department has sought to minimize these issues, referring to them as inevitable kinks. Compared with the number of trips taken each day, the city said that incidents were infrequent and appeared to be diminish-

difficulties with docking.

Those cities also use New York's chosen operator, Alta Bicycle Share, based in Oregon, but have software from a company called 8D Technologies. Alta's partner based in Montreal, Public Bike System Co., has since severed ties with 8D, and has chosen to develop its own software before the introduction of New York's system.

New York's program was

never served and that the groups remained partners. The other city using the new software is Chattanooga, Tenn., where a bike program began last summer. Philip Pugliese, Chattanooga's bicycle coordinator, said in an interview that the city had experienced a spate of docking problems. But with only 300 bikes and about 30 stations, Pugliese said, "we could manage any

As riders have sought to report problems since the opening, a customer service phone line has repeatedly failed. Station information provided by an app has often been unreliable, riders said, and many annual subscribers have still not received their membership keys.

Solomonow said that the program had been rescinding overage charges when riders were unable to



Camille Mahchi removes a bike from a bike share rack in Union Square in New York. The Bloomberg administration has refused to quantify, or even elaborate on, the rash of problems plaguing its bike-share system, which has had technical errors of a magnitude never experienced by bike-share programs in other major American cities.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

ing, though officials would not provide a more detailed estimate of breakdowns in the system. Seth Solomonow, a spokesman for the department, suggested last week that riders' own inexperience with the system was contributing to their troubles.

But a survey of programs in other cities makes clear that New York's problems lie with its system, not its users. Officials in Washington and Boston said that even in their programs' infancies, they never encountered station failures like New York's or widespread

expected to begin last summer, but faced delays because, as Bloomberg put it last August, "the software doesn't work." (Flooding from Hurricane Sandy postponed the program further, amid damage to equipment stored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during the storm.)

In January, records show, Alta filed a lawsuit in an Oregon circuit court against Public Bike System, saying it delivered "nonconforming goods and faulty goods" to New York City's bike-share program. Alta said this week that the suit was

customer service issues at the local level."

In New York, with 6,000 bikes at more than 300 stations, gaps in the system have proved more difficult to patch. Stations are both solar- and battery-powered, with the strength of their charges dependent on factors like weather and use rates for bikes, as well as the adjoining touchscreen device. Accordingly, a beautiful day is both a blessing and a curse: The sun can help sustain a station, but ideal riding conditions beget heavy use, which can drain batteries.

dock a bike, though it was not clear how the system could distinguish between riders who struggled to return bikes and those who simply rode for too long.

Officials also said this week that it had doubled capacity in its customer service center, but even this bit of progress was met with some skepticism.

"Focus more on fixing your software and equipment malfunctions," one man wrote on the Citi Bike Facebook page Monday, "and then you will have far fewer calls and emails to customer service." □